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## BAPTIST PREACHER DEFIES KING: ARREST, INVESTIGATION ORDERED

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LONDON, July 10, 1612 — (BP) — England was shocked today by the audacity of a Baptist preacher, Thomas Helwys, who boldly stood before the court of His Majesty King James I and reminded the sovereign that he "is not God."

The king promptly ordered the minister arrested and a full investigation made immediately. Helwys reportedly is the pastor of an illegal Baptist congregation which meets in Spitalfield, just north of London.

"The king is a mortal man," Helwys declared in his stinging attack, "and not God. Therefore he has no power over the immortal souls of his subjects to make laws and ordinances for them and to set spiritual lords over them."

The court, visibly stunned by the outspoken manner of the commoner, stood aghast as the preacher calmly charged that "if the king have authority to make spiritual lords and laws, then he is an immortal God, and not a mortal man."

The startling outburst grew out of Helwys' presentation of his book, *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity*, which Helwys had dedicated to the king. The charges actually were a part of the book dedication, which Helwys read to the court. The book itself is an attack on

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## New Mexican Mission Trains New Members

### Teaching Converts Precedes Baptism

Santa Fe, New Mexico, "a bit of old Spain in the new world", where 500,000 Spanish people live, presents a real mission challenge. Founded in 1610, the city's real name is "La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Assisi."

The Spanish Baptist Mission in Santa Fe, led by Pastor Miguel A. Lopez, is doing a great deal toward evangelizing AND TRAINING these people. They use religious films, Bibles, tracts, portions of Scripture, and radio programs to reach the people, as well as preaching services.

But the Mission is not content with just reaching the people and winning them to Christ. They teach the converts to be working and serving Christians. They hold classes in doctrine for the new converts before they are baptized. The doctrine of tithing is emphasized in the classes. According to the pastor:

"Because of such a vast dif-

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## Religious Ed Association To Meet On Coast

The eighth annual meeting of the State Religious Education Association will be held at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel, Edgewater Park, Miss., Feb. 28-March 2, it has been announced by Dr. Norman O'Neal, Clinton, president.

Out-of-state speakers will include Dr. John M. Price, Jr., head of the Religious Education Department, New Orleans Seminary; Mrs. Agnes Pylant, head of the Church Recreation Department, and Marvin Crowe, assistant executive secretary, both of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Several outstanding state personalities will appear on the program which will include discussions and conference periods on several phases of religious education.

The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and adjourn at noon Wednesday.

Tuesday afternoon will be given over to recreation which will be featured by a boat trip.

The final message will be on "Master Workmen" by Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor First Church, Meridian.

## SB CONVENTION PROGRAM RELEASED BY COMMITTEE

MEETS MIAMI MAY 18-21; ONE MISSISSIPPIAN LISTED

Foreign and Home Missions Featured Wednesday and Thursday Nights; Swilley to Preach Sermon

## District Chairman Schedule Rallies

Rev. T. L. Pfeifer and Roy Kuykendall, District Co-Chairman for the District VI Rally of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital announced that invitations to the dinner meeting to be held at Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, Monday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p. m. have been mailed to all pastors in the District. Each pastor in the District has been asked to attend the meeting and bring with him one or two of his key laymen as guests.

The purpose of all the rallies is to acquaint representative Baptists with the activities,

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Only one Mississippian, Owen Cooper, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is listed on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention which was released last week.

The Convention will meet in Miami Wednesday, May 18, at 9:00 a. m. and close at 9:30 on Saturday night.

No afternoon sessions will be held. This is done in order to provide time for relaxation.

All morning sessions will begin at nine o'clock and are scheduled to adjourn at one o'clock.

Night sessions start at 6:55 except on Saturday night when the meeting will begin at 7:30.

Highlights of the Wednesday morning session will be addresses by V. Carney Hargrove, President, American (Northern) Baptist Convention and Dr. J. W. Storer, President of the Southern Baptist Convention; the report of the Executive Committee under the direction of its secretary, Dr. Porter Routh; election of officers and the Convention sermon by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia.

Features of the Wednesday night session include the report of the W. M. U. by its president, Mrs. George R. Martin of Virginia, and the Foreign Mission Board report under the direction of Baker James Cauthen, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Features of the Thursday night session will be the 30th anniversary of the cooperative Program led by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board report, led by its secretary, Dr. Courts Redford.

The Friday morning session will hear reports by various boards and committees and an address on Theological Education by Dr. J. Howard Williams, President, Southwestern Seminary. Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma will also speak on Christian Education.

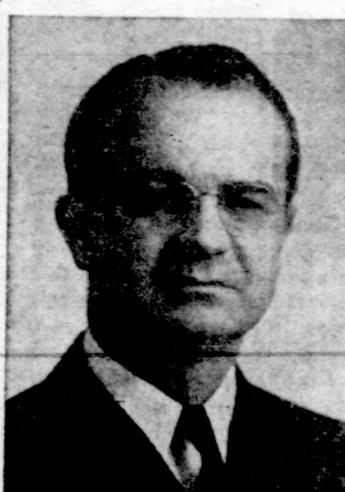
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## Sunday School Speakers



Dr. Ramsey Pollard



W. A. Harrell

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and W. A. Harrell, secretary Department of Church Architecture, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the two principal speakers for the three Regional Sunday School Conventions to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Dr. E. C. Williams, Jackson, state Sunday School secretary will direct the three conventions,

to be held at First Church, Pontotoc, First Church, Louisville and First Church, Laurel, respectively.

Each day's convention will begin at 9:45 and close at 9:00 p. m. Rev. S. W. Valentine, Jackson, will lead the worship and praise service at each meeting.

Several other out-of-state personalities as well as a number of state leaders will have parts on program.

## Series of Interracial Conferences To Meet in Hattiesburg, Jackson

The second series of Stewardship and Extension Conferences to be held under the direction of Dr. W. A. Keel, Secretary of Negro Work, will be held in Hattiesburg February 21-22 at Antioch Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and in Jackson February 23-24 at Farish Street Baptist Church.

The Hattiesburg meeting will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon and 7:15 at night. The Jackson meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday, 2:30

and 7:15 on Thursday.

Speakers for the Hattiesburg meetings include W. C. Morgan, State Music Director, Dr. R. W. Woulard, host pastor; Dr. Keel; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Lewis Martin of the Home Mission Board; Rev. William A. Ackerman of Chicago; Mrs. Eddie Barnes; Dr. Merrill Moore, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Eddie Barnes, President, East Mississippi Baptist Convention; Wm. A.

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## Mississippi Baptist Hospital District Rallies Scheduled For Next Week

Mon., Feb. 21,	Dist. VI	Highland Baptist	Meridian
Tues., Feb. 22,	Dist. V	First Baptist	Yazoo City
Thurs., Feb. 24,	Dist. II	Harrisburg Church	Tupelo
Fri., Feb. 25,	Dist. IV	First Baptist	Starkville



## New Mexican . . .

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ference of our methods of worshiping and "running a Sunday School" we do not urge people to be baptized; in fact we ask all the new converts to attend a class in doctrine. The purpose of this class is to teach the new converts the fundamentals of those major doctrines that we believe. We teach them the distinctive

meaning of New Testament baptism. The financial support of our church and the relationship of the members to it is taught through the doctrine of tithing. In a church membership of 37 we have 17 tithers. We reemphasize what we mean by salvation by faith. Right now our class is going through that section of study on personal soul winning.

"Some time a person may have made a profession of faith and it may be as much as a year before that person is baptized. As I say, we do not urge it because we feel that the time is worth it, rather than to have members who are baptized and then not in accord with our teachings. Not all of those who do come by profession are baptized; many of them are not."

One problem for the Mission is the illiteracy of the people. Another is the linguistic difficulty, as many of the older people speak only Spanish.

The kindergarten operated by the mission makes many contacts for the mission. For instance, more than 200 parents have come to an evening worship service to see their children take part on program.

## Much Pagan Influence

The people are largely of Catholic background. Yet in a so-called Christian teaching there is pagan influence. For instance:

Mr. and Mrs. Lopez were talking to a young lady who was visiting in the services. She accidentally dropped one of her earrings and almost as if by second nature she crossed herself while continuing to talk. When asked the reason for this she replied: "We are taught that we must do it to protect ourselves from the evil that might come upon it when it touches the ground and the evil one kisses it."

At another time Mr. Lopez offered a man a Bible if he would read it. Although the man had talked to Mr. Lopez a number of times and had been quite friendly, he answered, "I am sorry that I cannot accept the Bible. You see, they are only for the priests and ministers to read; if I read it I would go crazy."

In some places in New Mexico the ground is literally dotted with little wooden crosses. Usually when someone falls, as from off a horse, or has an accident in some other way, they place a cross in that spot in the belief that after they die, the soul, when it is doing penance, can come back to these spots and

find rest.

## Resting Place For Soul

"It was at one time a sad errand that had to be performed; a little boy had been wounded. He was brought to the hospital. Having passed away we were asked if we could help to get his body back to the village.

With the casket tied atop the automobile, slowly we made our way to the village. As the car drew near the gate of the village the car was stopped long enough for the man out there in the glare of the lights to finish the task that he had started a few moments before. Building a pile of rocks he fashioned out of two rude sticks a crude wooden cross, which he placed atop the pile of rocks. Still muttering to himself he came over and got in the car. I said to him, "Why did you do that?" "We have been raised to believe that when a person dies away from our village, we must not bring in the body of that person until a 'resting place' has been built for his soul. If I had not built the resting place his soul would have gone throughout eternity without any peace; now he has a place to rest."

## Radio Program Producer

The mission's radio program, which has been on the air for two years for the sole purpose of preaching the Gospel, has had some outstanding results.

One day through the broadcasts the Mission came in contact with a family who were in dire circumstances. The mother was ill. The father was unable to work because of her illness; there were five children in the family. The mission and two Santa Fe churches joined in bringing relief to the family. Mrs. Lopez led the mother to Christ before she died. After the mother's death the father and three of the children became Christians. They later moved back to the old homestead in northern New Mexico. As there was no Baptist church there he started a Sunday School with literature sent him from Santa Fe. Today there is in Penasco, New Mexico, a new building soon to be dedicated — the Penasco Baptist Mission.

On one New Year's Eve a lady gave this testimony at the Mission: "Last fall my son died of a heart attack. He listened to the radio broadcast of the Spanish Baptist Mission continually. One day while we were sitting in the living room he called my attention to the message that the preacher was bringing. He died a few moments after the broadcast. The last words that he heard were the closing prayer that you gave on the radio as you asked God's Holy Spirit to guide him and keep him close to God. I shall never forget it. I want to thank the Mission for this program. Because of my son's testimony I too have come to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

## Baptist Preacher . . .

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the ecclesiastical power of government. It boldly sets forth for the first time in this country the revolutionary idea of religious liberty and the doctrine of separation of church and state.

"O king, be not deceived by seducers to sin against God when you ought to obey," Helwys read, "nor against your loyal subjects who ought to obey you with body, life and goods, or else let their lives be taken from the earth."

The preacher's concluding "God save the king!" sounded rather like an intercessory prayer for His Majesty.

The courageous assault on the crown by a lone intruder caught courtiers wholly unprepared. The chamber was packed for Helwys' appearance before the king. Dressed in austere black Puritan garb starkly outlined against white linen, the minister stood in sharp contrast to the colorful finery of the court.

Helwys presented a solemn and dignified appearance, and even the court agreed that his observance of protocol was flawless. The minister remained unperturbed as the king ordered his arrest.

The Baptist pastor comes from an old family of Nottinghamshire and was educated at Grey's Inn. A brother, Geoffrey Helwys, is a prominent London merchant and former sheriff. His nephew, Sir Gervase, is keeper of the Tower of London.

Helwys and his congregation returned to England from Amsterdam earlier this year. Disagreement over authority for baptism, a vital issue with Baptists, had divided their church. Helwys and his group came back to England from their safe retreat in Holland because they were convinced that they should bear their witness in England, even at the cost of their lives.

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## District Chairman . . .

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problems, and needs of the Baptist Hospital. The following will be in the visiting party at the Rally: Owen Cooper and Dr. John E. Barnes State Co-Chairmen; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Wilson Turner, Hospital Administrator; and several members of the Board of Trustees. A short beautiful colored film of Hospital activities will be included in the program.

Members of the District VI Committee by Associations is as follows: Clarke, Rev. D. L. Stennis and R. L. McDonald; Jasper, Dr. Cecil W. Jones and J. F. Holmes; Kemper, Rev. Barney Loper; Lauderdale, Rev. T. L. Pfeifer and Dr. Wilben Lawrence; Leake, Rev. Troy Prince and A. D. Richardson; Neshoba, Rev. Clark McCurry; Newton,

## Three Surrender For Full-Time Service



Three young people of Calvary Church, Vicksburg, made public surrenders to full-time Christian service during a Youth Revival led by Elton Johnson, Jr. and Bill Latham of Mississippi College.

Shown above, they are left to right: Lewis Tingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tingle, Sr., and Mary Ellen Rasco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rasco, made commitments for mission work. Ernest Hill, son of Mr. C. A. Hill, plans to prepare for service in the field of Religious Education.

These young people have been active in every phase of the program of Calvary Church.

Rev. J. Harold Jones is pastor of Calvary Church.

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## Inter-racial . . .

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Chapman, founder of the World Home Bible League; and Dr. I. M. Prince, pastor, Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

At the Jackson conference a special conference will be held at 6:00 p.m. to perfect a State Executive B.S.U. Council. Charles W. Horner, State BSU Secretary, and Frederick L. Brown, BSU Secretary, will be in charge.

Others on the program of the Jackson meeting include: Dr. C. A. Greer, pastor, Farish Street Baptist Church; W. C. Morgan; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive-Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. Frederick L. Brown; Dr. Merrill Moore; Dr. Lewis Martin; Dr. Keel; Dr. Woullard; Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, Parkway Church, Jackson; and Dr. Herbert L. Lang.

## SBC Convention . . .

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featured at the Friday night session. Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life, will be in charge of the program and the feature address will be given by Dr. Perry F. Webb of San Antonio, Texas.

On Saturday morning committee reports will be heard and the closing message will be delivered by Dr. T. D. Price of Louisville, Kentucky.

The closing session on Saturday night will be a Youth Night Service led by Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, Southwide BSU secretary. There will be addresses by Dr. J. P. Allen of Virginia and Howard Butt of Texas.

The closing item on the Saturday night program will be the presentation of the newly-elected officers. They will be — ??

The program committee is composed of John L. Slaughter of South Carolina; Porter M. Bales, Texas; James E. Coggin, Tennessee; A. A. Dulaney, New Mexico; J. D. Herndon, Kentucky; John G. McCall, Mississippi; and M. Jackson White, Virginia.

Rev. John Cook and Roy Kuykendall; Scott, Rev. Jeff Brantley and Jack Stuart; Smith, Rev. O. B. Robertson.

Rev. Perry C. Perkins and C. Dale Hoover, Co-Chairmen of District IV have announced that dinner invitations for the Rally to be held at Starkville will be mailed Feb. 15. Members of their District Committee by Associations include:

Attalla, Rev. B. E. Padgett; Choctaw, Rev. Sam Brown and H. M. Brooks; Lowndes, Dr. S. R. Woodson and Andrew C. Puckett; Noxubee, Rev. James B. Riley; Oktibbeha, Rev. D. C. Applegate and Dr. Ben Hilbun; Winston, Rev. James Fairchild; Zion, Rev. W. W. Herrin and R. P. Sugg; Clay, Rev. James Richardson and Edward Todd.

All pastors are urged to mail their reservation cards back to headquarters as quickly as possible so that adequate facilities will be available at all rallies.

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## When Baptist Editors Meet

Members of the Southern Baptist Press Association held their annual session in Biloxi February 9-11. An account of the meeting was carried in last week's issue of the Baptist Record.

The Association is composed of the editors of our state Baptist papers and of the official Southwide journalists. Practically all of these were present. The two or three absentees had good excuses. In addition to the editors, several editorial assistants and business managers, as well as visitors, were in attendance.

Too few Southern Baptists realize the value and influence of the Southern Baptist press. The circulation of the various state papers is now more than a million weekly. The two mission journals and the Baptist Program make the circulation close to 1,500,000. That means that approximately 5,000,000 people are reached by these publications.

This means that the Southern Baptist press provides a medium of communication of which the value cannot be estimated and it is significant that as the circulation of the various papers has increased, so have the interest and the offerings of Southern Baptists increased. It is still true that as someone has said, "People are usually down on what they are not up on."

Our Southern Baptist papers also serve as unifying agencies. While each paper is independent of every other paper, as Southern Baptists we are aiming at the same thing and trying to achieve the same goal. While there may be slight differences as to method, the goal is the same. Most of them carry major news items in about the same style. That means that a Baptist in California is just as good a Baptist as a Baptist in Mississippi. It means that Training Union work in Oregon is about like the Training Union work in Mississippi.

In other words, all these papers are united in the support of Southern Baptist work. Week after week they carry reports about the work and the program and figures indicate that they are succeeding in a marvelous way.

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## Mississippi Almost Ignored By SBC

On another page will be found in condensed form, the program of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Miami, Florida, May 18-21.

A person not acquainted with affairs in Convention territory would probably think Mississippi has a very small part in Convention affairs. During the four days of the Convention only ONE Mississippian is listed on the program.

We know most of those having a part on the program. They are good men and will probably do their part well. But we have people in Mississippi who can do as well.

And this thing of ignoring Mississippi seems to be a habit. If we recall correctly our state fared no better last year.

WELL CARED FOR EXTERIOR



WHEREAS, IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT BY HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN, THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH. — EPH. 3:16-17

It is interesting to note the number from the various states who are listed on the program. They are: Tennessee, 14; Georgia, 7; Kentucky, 6; Texas, 6; South Carolina, 4; Virginia, 4; Oklahoma, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Arizona, 1; New Mexico, 1; Florida, 1; and Mississippi, 1.

It is also our opinion that there are enough outstanding Baptists in the Convention to provide a good program without having some person on two or three times.

And furthermore we often receive letters from various persons (enclosing an article or articles boosting his work) with the notation that he is acutely aware of the far-reaching influence and importance of the Baptist state papers.

Then when we look at the program for the Miami meeting listing the report of the Baptist State Papers for 10:30 on Saturday we WONDER. At that time a large part of the messengers will either be enroute home, on a fishing cruise, headed for Cuba, or seeing the sights.

If the state papers are important when publicity is sought they rate more than the tail-end of the program.

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## Our Readers Write HE COMMENDS

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

You are to be commended for your article in this week's Record entitled, "Is This Fair Play". For a long time it has been evident that something must be said in reply to some of the articles appearing, from time to time, in the publication to which you refer. I realize that many times it is best simply to ignore such criticism. However, there comes a time when one must speak his mind, and then, too, our people need to

be informed concerning those who would criticize, and belittle our program, and undermine the confidence of our people, and the public in general, in our schools and other institutions. In my opinion, and because of certain unpleasant experiences with some of these off brand groups, we have been quiet too long.

Certainly we should not pick a fight with anyone, nor should we interfere with other groups in the promotion of their program. But, when they persistently and deliberately set themselves up as judges and critics of our program, and undertake, through unethical means, to disparage our institutions, and create opposition to them in order to favor some other group, or worse yet, to gain favor for themselves, then it is high time to answer their propaganda. We are far too busy promoting the program of our denomination, which is in reality the program of our churches, to take time out to belittle, run down or try to hinder the program of other groups. But, we are not too busy to let the world know where we stand on certain issues.

We have a program of which we can well be proud. We are also proud of our schools, colleges, and other institutions, and so far as I know, and I think I am fairly well informed on the subject, they are all staffed by consecrated, capable, and trustworthy people. This I do know, if there are changes to be made, or mistakes to be rectified, Southern Baptists are well able to do it without the aid of some self-appointed adviser. And, if modernism should creep in, or if some one should undertake to teach a doctrine, or to promote something, which is unbaptistic or unscriptural, Southern Baptists have sense enough to find it and weed it out, without the assistance of some egotistical theologian who has set himself up as the only qualified spiritual adviser of our day, or one who is laboring under the illusion that he has

been called to keep all others from error.

There is only one thing wrong with our institutions, they are not large enough to meet the needs, and that fault can be traced to the fact that Southern Baptists have not been sufficiently informed concerning them and their work, which, in turn, accounts for, at least in large measure, the lack of support financially and otherwise.

Please forgive me for such a lengthy letter. I did not intend to write so much. I know you are too busy to read it. But, our schools, colleges, seminaries, and other institutions, as well as our program in general, are dear to my heart and when they are unjustly criticized, I cannot help speaking my piece, especially when that criticism comes from outsiders.

You are doing a great job with and through the Record. Keep it up. We are with you all the way, for it is all for His glory.

Sincerely,  
Tommy Fant, Pastor  
Harmony Church,  
Laurel, Miss.

## HE LIKES THE CHANGE

Dear Sir;

It gives me great pleasure to say thank-you and thanks to all who have a part in preparing the Records for mailing. It is certainly one of the nicest things you have done for the postoffice clerks when each record is folded and placed in a neat, securely tied bundle. It is now the easiest nicest bundle of papers to work the postoffice receives.

Again I say thank you and yours for your kind cooperation, any time we can be of service to you, please feel free to call on us.

Rayburn E. Jernigan, P. O. Clerk  
Blue Mountain, Mississippi

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Mars Hill Baptist Church in Mississippi Association has a live wire W.M.U. It set a goal of \$500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year and when all the money was counted there was \$516.26. This goes to show that churches in the open country can do it too. Rev. Rutledge Courtney is the pastor.

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have to be sent.



## Baptist Student Union

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Dear Mr. Horner:

It is certainly not a very pleasant task to publicize bad news, but I feel that you will want to know about our fire at MSCW as much as you would about the pleasant activities of our BSU. (We walked in on it the day after it happened.—C. W. H.)

The fire was discovered at about 11 p. m. Miss Beulah Culbertson, of the MSCW faculty, noticed a blaze on Thursday, January 13, and her prompt attention saved the building from greater destruction. The fire

must have begun on the stage, for it is completely destroyed. The walls of the auditorium, the chairs, and the tiled floor are scorched severely. The windows in the auditorium were blown out by the force of the heat. The rest of the Center suffers from damage done by smoke and heat. Work on repairing the minor damages was begun immediately. We have been greatly helped in this task by the BSUs from State College and the Baptist boys from the air base. I am sending you a picture

## BMC Observes Vocations Week

"Yours A Divine Partnership" was the theme of the Dedicated Vocations Week at Blue Mountain College, February 6-13. Beginning with opening assembly in Sunday School February 6, chapel programs and noonday prayer services were devoted to the importance of each student's finding the will of God in her chosen vocation.

Patty Hollis, B. S. U. president, spoke in Sunday School assembly on the topic "A Plan, A Place and A Purpose." Other speakers during the week included Dolores Holmes, student government president, who spoke on "The Importance of Preparation for Every Vocation"; Jane Anderson, Student Director at the Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, representing the field of Religious Education; Mrs. Paul Graham, a wife and mother in Blue Mountain, speaking on the joy and challenge of Christian Homemaking; H. Lowrey Haynie, Minister of Music at West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tennessee, representing the field of Church Music; Jesse Phillips, a graduate student at the University of Mississippi, who spoke on Journalism as a place in the plan of God; and Lila Ann Wallace, a school teacher in Holly Springs, who spoke on the place of the school teacher in God's plan.

taken at the Student Center showing, from left to right, Gwen Fair, of MSCW; Charles Smith, of Mississippi State, Shirley Frances, of MSCW, and Bryant Reed, of Mississippi State, cleaning up.

Yours truly,  
Rochie Whittington

## Moral Action Committee Named

BATON ROUGE, La. — (BP) — Feeling the need of a moral awakening in our country and in the world, the Promotion Joint Conference in session in Nashville in December set up a committee on Proposed Program for Moral Action.

J. Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge, La., chairman of the Promotion Joint Conference, has announced the appointment of the following to serve on the committee.

Clifton J. Allen, chairman, A. C. Miller, Merrill Moore, all of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala.; Floyd Chaffin, Alexandria, La.; George Schroeder, Memphis, Tenn.; and Courts Redford, John J. Hurt, Jr., and Paul M. Stevens, all of Atlanta, Ga.

nessee, representing the field of Church Music; Jesse Phillips, a graduate student at the University of Mississippi, who spoke on Journalism as a place in the plan of God; and Lila Ann Wallace, a school teacher in Holly Springs, who spoke on the place of the school teacher in God's plan.

Dr. W. C. Tyler, Bible professor, closed the week of vocational emphasis at the noonday prayer service. His topic was the theme for the week, "Yours A Divine Partnership".

## Students Will Name School Service Site

HONOLULU, T. H. — (RNS) — The senior class of the University of Hawaii, the Islands' federal land-grant university, will decide the site of its baccalaureate service this June.

The regents are putting the decision up to the students as the result of controversy over the rites in previous years.

Until two years ago, the service was held in one of Honolulu's Congregational churches. A large majority of graduating seniors and parents attended.

But in 1953, the university was informed that Roman Catholic students could not attend baccalaureate exercises unless held at a non-denominational place. Buddhists requested permission to hold a separate service.

The 1953 and 1954 ceremonies were conducted in university auditoriums but were poorly attended by parents and students.

Because religious groups cannot agree upon a site for the exercises that would "provide an attractive religious atmosphere" and relatively few students and parents will attend ceremonies held in a non-religious setting, the regents handed the seniors complete responsibility for future baccalaureate rites.

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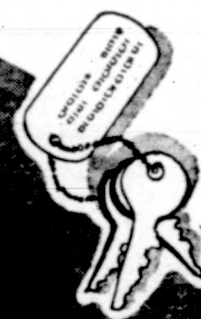
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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

### For February 20 THE CHURCH AND ITS ORDINANCES

Bible Texts Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-28; 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-41; 10:38-41; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

#### I. ONLY THE LORD JESUS BY HIS SACRIFICE ON CALVARY CONFERS SAVING GRACE

The New Testament knows nothing of a sacrament, or sacraments, by which Divine grace is sought and conferred. One sacrifice for sins forever was made by the Lord in His offering of Himself. There are two ordinances ordered by a competent authority commanding actions meant to perpetuate the significance of certain facts, "Lest we forget."

#### II. PREREQUISITES TO PARTICIPATION IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Repentance. Of course the completed act of repentance is the most important act in religion. The necessity for repentance is the unscalable mountain, the uncrossable river that bars access to the gate of glory. In this is involved:

- (a) Conviction of sin.
- (b) Contrition for sin, that is, a realization that sin is offense against God.
- (c) A purpose of turning from that wicked course, and an actual turning from that course to an attitude of submission to God.

2. Baptism. To me the word means exactly what it meant to John the Baptist, to our Lord, to Peter, and to Paul. All undoubtedly held the first meaning of the word to be just that which is found in every Greek lexicon I ever saw. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, present editor of Peloubet's Notes, says, "Certainly one must admit that Jesus was taken down into the water, and everything in the text implies that He was immersed. Why bother about going down to the river to be baptized, when a cup of water in Jerusalem would do just as well if sprinkling or pouring were the method used. And the one who is writing these lines does not happen to be a Baptist."

We are told the Baptism of our Lord was in the River Jordan, and we are told that John the Baptist performed it, but we do not know just where.

You are, of course, privileged to assign what meaning you will to the Baptism of Jesus. To me it seems most patent that in the act of baptism, our Lord assumed full identity with the sinners whom He came to save. He symbolically took upon Himself the sinful nature of His brethren in the flesh. By this act of baptism He also dedicated Himself to the performance of His saving mission. It was His pledge and declaration to God and man that He would complete His course

of condescension for the salvation of man down to the lowest depths of a criminal's grave, whence the Spirit of God would raise Him to the topless heights of heaven.

"But what," someone asks, "is the meaning of baptism as it is administered to the Christian convert?" I do not know what it means to you, and I certainly do not know what it may mean to the individual who submits himself to it, or to the preacher who administers it. Personally I seem to stand in the company of a decided minority in the belief I entertain concerning it. To me it is a symbolic action, just as it is to almost the whole body of Protestant believers; but to me it symbolizes just two things: The burial and the resurrection of Jesus.

Brethren of my own faith and order with almost one consent say that baptism symbolizes the DEATH, burial, and resurrection, but to me it seems plain that it has nothing of the symbolism of the death of our Lord further than that a dead body is necessary to a burial. For, if baptism symbolizes the death of our Lord, why any use for a Lord's Supper? That ordinance is set by our Lord as a memorial of His death, but, if you say baptism symbolizes His death, why the Lord's Supper at all?

2. Faith. This is turn of the soul to Jesus. Maybe repentance means to turn in thought away from something, sin. Then faith means same act of turning, and in the direction of Jesus the Savior. It is the yielding of the soul in perfect trust to Him. Now, of course, this matter of faith comes before baptism; but I thought to put it out of its logical and temporal order, only for the sake of the spice of variety.

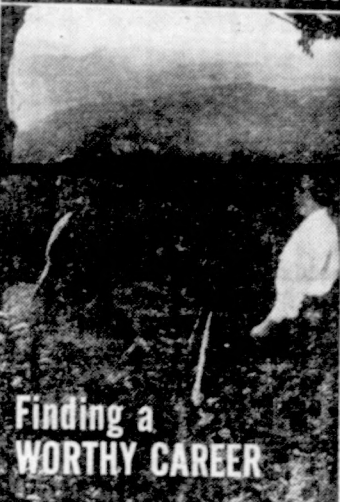
#### III. THE LORD'S SUPPER

We have been looking at the prerequisites, now let us look at a few of the interpretations of its meaning, and see whether we can understand why almost the whole Christian world is made up of a large number of more or less aggressive bodies of restricted, or close communionists. Why anyone who knows anything of the doctrines of different bodies of Christians should designate one body of them as being peculiarly close-communion is a thing beyond me.

For just so long as our Catholic friends (and some of the best friends I ever had were and are Catholics) look upon the bread, the water, used in the Lord's Supper as having by the act of consecration been turned from bread into the actual flesh of the Lord Jesus, and also believe that the wine used in the "sacrament" as having become the actual blood of our Lord, and for so long as they teach this as the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and that any other view is wholly false, they restrict themselves to those who hold a like view. The

## April 10 Scheduled For Christian Education Emphasis

### TAKE THE LONG LOOK



Every active Southern Baptist pastor in Mississippi and 22 other states will receive (February 14-18) sample materials planned for use in the 1955 annual Convention-wide Emphasis on Christian Education. The emphasis, which has as its theme, "Finding a Worthy Career," is scheduled for April 10.

Mississippi is one of 19 states, with approximately 26,500 churches, where complete kits are being distributed. In addition, partial kits are being mailed

whole Roman Catholic world is close-communion because of this teaching.

For just so long as our Lutheran brethren (And you have to meet those in Jackson to realize their excellence of character and friendliness) believe that the Catholics are wrong, but that the spirit presence of the Lord Jesus is really in the bread and wine, they also are close, all the many scores of millions of them, as regards all other people who do not hold with them in this view.

And for just so long as the spiritual descendants of my Presbyterian forefathers (If you do not know much about Presbyterians, you'd better learn a few facts. I'm not smiling when I bid you, "Hats off when you see a Presbyterian minister approaching. You are about to meet somebody!" Only yesterday someone remarked to me as we passed the elegant little building they are erecting in Clinton, "That is going to be an ornament to our town," and I answered, "Presbyterians never build anything inelegant; they are not that sort of people) teach that there comes into the heart and spirit of the partaker of the Lord's Supper a dynamic for righteousness that the non-partaker does not receive, they declare themselves close as to all people who do not hold that belief.

As long as Baptists believe that the Supper is a symbol, nothing more, they are close as to that conception. Yes, we Baptists are close; so are you and your folks.

to pastors in two other states, Arkansas and California, and to pastors and Training Union directors in Oklahoma.

Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the S. B. C. Education Commission, whose staff is preparing the materials, explained that different plans of distribution are used to fit the needs of individual states. He said, "This can be the first step in establishing a long-range program of life-planning for our Intermediates and Young People under the auspices of their local churches. It affords an opportunity for our churches to lay a foundation of interest in wise career planning by Baptist youth and to enlist adult personnel to help our boys and girls prepare for vocational opportunities which are worthy of their God-given abilities."

Included in the kits going to Mississippi pastors will be sample copies of all materials which are available for use by Intermediates and Young People in the special career study. The kits contain the basic 24-page booklet, "Finding a Worthy Career," a series of 13 "Clues to Your Career" tracts, a Career Interest Inventory, other tracts, posters, letters to the pastor and Training Union director, and booklets containing information about Mississippi Baptist educational institutions, a total of 28 items.

Pastors are asked to study these materials and to order sufficient quantities for use by the Intermediates and 17 and 18 year Young People in their church. Where complete kits are not desired, the Education Commission will send free copies of the four-page Career Interest Inventory to each church which requests them. These forms are called for in the April 10 Intermediate I and II Union lessons for use during the leader's period, Dr. Cornett explained.

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**HOW TO CONDUCT AN INSTALLATION SERVICE** (Zondervan Publishing House, \$1). by Roberta Patterson gives 95 pages of ideas for installation services for Sunday School classes, missionary groups, associational or district groups, young women's groups, youth councils, training classes, and miscellaneous occasions. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

## Central, Brookhaven Ordains New Deacon

On February 3 Central Church, Brookhaven, ordained Everett Earl Foster as deacon.

The Chairman of Deacons, Stanley Worthy, introduced the candidate to the Council. Dr. W. T. Waring, pastor, examined the candidate. Mentie A. Davis, pastor at Carson, gave the charge to Mr. Foster. Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor at Macedonia Church, gave the charge to the church.

This was followed by the laying on of hands by the preachers and deacons present and the ordination prayer by Deacon Hudson. The new deacon led the closing prayer.

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## SBC President Commends Girl Scout Sunday

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (BP) —

J. W. Stower, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has issued the following statement to mark the 1955 observance of Girl Scout Sunday.

"In the annual observance of Girl Scout Sunday, which this year falls on March 6, there is a recognition of the basis upon which our country rests, and from which must issue its power of endurance, namely, the spiritual. With such recognition, it would seem to me all parents should be in complete accord.

"I am very happy, therefore, to commend to our Southern Baptist churches such a day, and to express the hope that in our various churches the Girl Scouts will find that emphasis which will make them the more aware that only those movements can survive which are founded upon the Rock of Ages.

"It is only from him that the strength will be derived to implement the high resolves which come to the Girl Scouts on their special worship Sunday.

"May it be, then, that in our churches on Girl Scout Sunday, March 6, 1955, there shall be with them and the churches a mutually blessed experience of his presence."

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Any pastor in north Mississippi needing a supply while attending the Baptist World Alliance may write the editor of the Baptist Record for the names of available persons in that section.

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The point I wish to make is that I do not wish to minimize my sense of appreciation to your good Companies for their excellent protection, prompt payments and unparalleled service. I have another duty to my fellow man. The reason I keep volunteering to give testimonial letters to the Company and pictures, interviews, etc. free is not entirely out of appreciation to them. I paid for this protection; I expect and am entitled to the service I am getting and while I am grateful for the gracious and businesslike service your Companies are giving me and all of its other policyowners, my real desire in life now is to influence other uninsured people to make sure they have the same protection before it is too late.

I have had a lot of time to think during these seven years of forced inactivity. I have spent many long hours wishing I could talk to every man that is still physically qualified to get this type of insurance before something happens to make him ineligible. Insurance is no good until you need it and then you cannot get it if you don't already have it.

I wish that I were physically able to talk to all of your salesmen and prospects and tell them how much these \$400.00 monthly insurance checks mean to me and my family. It does not require much imagination to see how tragic it would be to have this long disability and no income whatever and why I am so grateful that there are such companies in existence as the Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha.

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## Invalid Feels Responsibility To Fellowman

Lester Griffin, 941 Belhaven, Jackson, Mississippi expressed a desire to give everyone the opportunity to read his letter to the Vestal and Vernon Agency concerning the monthly claim checks he received through this agency from the Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha. The letter is printed verbatim on this page.

He is one of many thousands of policyowners receiving benefits monthly from one or both of the Companion Companies. Like most people, Mr. Griffin would much prefer to have his health and would rather be working than collecting insurance; however, he is totally disabled now and has been for seven years. His doctor says that although he may outlive his normal life expectancy of another 24 years or more, there is little hope that he will ever be able to work again. He will continue to draw monthly benefits provided in his policies with both the Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha as long as he is totally disabled, even for life.

In addition to benefits for temporary hospital confinement,

he has been receiving monthly benefits checks for an equal amount from each of the Companion Companies totaling \$400.00 per month since the accident February 26, 1948 for an accumulated total of \$33,470.00 at this time.

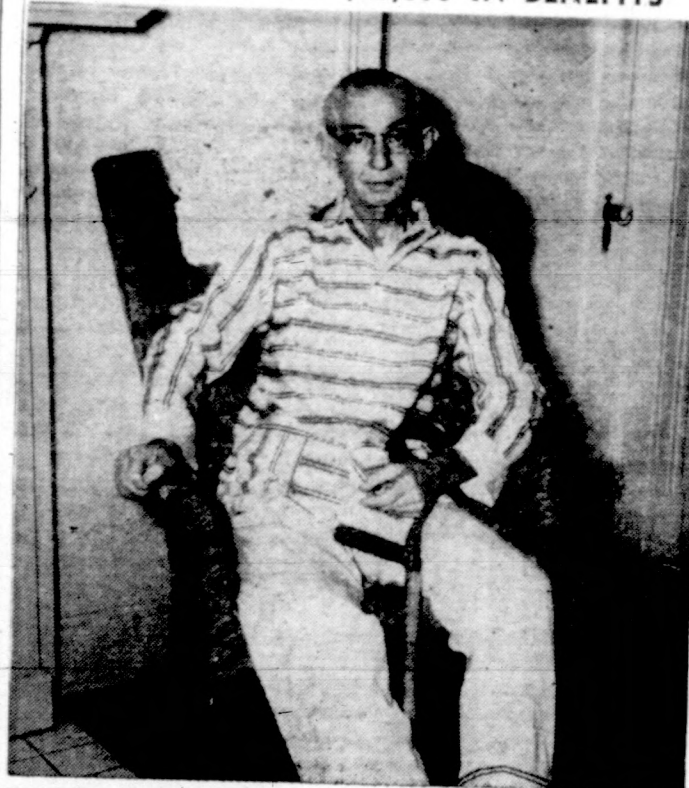
When Mr. Griffin bought these policies from the Companion Companies less than a year before his accident, he was in perfect health and in the prime of life.

Knowing that human nature is pretty consistent and that most people think it cannot happen to them, Mr. Griffin continuously volunteers to use his influence in any way possible to bring to the people's attention the need for this type of insurance coverage. He feels that it is his duty to his fellow man to tell his story at every opportunity and eliminate as much as possible the hardship caused by disability to the breadwinner without income protection.

Mr. Griffin and his family are members of the Broadmoor Baptist Church since residing in Jackson the past thirteen years.

He is well known throughout the state and has many friends in the area of his old home town of Union, Mississippi.

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### THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is named for the first Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Armstrong said, "As we develop and strengthen the home base, we build surely and soundly for foreign missions."

Last year 40 per cent of the Home Mission Board support for its entire program came from the Annie Armstrong Offering. The 1954 offering amounted to \$1,212,434.59. Of this, \$256,247.84 went into the church extension loan fund to aid churches in building programs.

Each state reaps many spiritual and material blessings as the Women's Missionary Union promotes prayer and sacrificial giving, and spreads information about home missions in the March Week of Prayer program. This is evidenced by the 1955 allocations:

Salaries and operational expenses for mission work with Deaf, Indians, and language groups (Chinese, French, Italians, Japanese, Russian, Spanish); salaries and operational expenses, Good Will Centers; workers' salaries and partial expenses, Rescue Homes; salaries and operational expenses for the Outposts (Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone); Negro work in 15 states; Jewish work; salaries and equipment, migrant workers; Margaret Fund; western and pioneer missions; field workers; institutes and conferences; mission literature; scholarships; Woman's Missionary Union promotion in the West; student mission program; Mississippi Indian Center; equipment and furnishings for missions and Good Will Centers.

### How Old is the New Testament?

"It's no use trying any more," said she, "for, once you've slipped, folks don't believe in you any more. They keep talking behind my back until I feel as if I'd like to end it all! It's only for Jackie I keep on going. Poor kid, it isn't his fault he got born without a father to help take care of him. It's my fault, and I just got to try to make it up to him the best I can, but, oh, it seems like I just don't have the strength to go on sometimes!"

Quietly the worker reached for her Bible. "This is where I find help and strength and courage," she said. "You, too, can find it here if you will seek it with all your heart. Have you ever read any of the New Testament, Sally?"

Sally answered, "I'll be honest. I ain't been to church since Jackie came, so if that New Testament was written in the last four years, then I guess I

ain't read it. But I'd like to, if you will help me."

It could have been the conversation in any of our Good Will Centers or in the Good Samaritan Home for Women in New Orleans.

Don't you want to give through the Annie Armstrong Offering to help every young woman in our Christian America at least to know the New Testament is more than four years old?

### WE CAN HELP ALASKA THROUGH OUR OFFERING

While Southern Baptists were trying to rent a building for vacation Bible school, Mormons bought a building and stationed two missionaries on that field. The Four Square Gospel added an assistant pastor and a second bus to bring people from another section of the city. The Church of Christ sent another preacher-missionary with a car and an amphibian plane to go out from this strategic city. Presbyterians and Methodists enlarged their mission force.

We rejoice in any true witness for Christ but while others are expanding, why should Baptist be so slow in supplying missionaries and adequate equipment? We can do more as we give more and pray more during our Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

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### AUBURN, LEE ASSOCIATION

A most enthusiastic report came from the president, Mrs. H. T. Marlin. Some of the features of the week were:

Review of the WMU work in the church, including brief history.

Reading of the minutes of the organizational meeting 18 years ago.

Special recognition of the first president, including presentation of WMU pin.

Presentation of stewardship play.

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### First, Batesville Licenses Minister



Shown here is James L. Travis, III, who was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by his home church, First Church, Batesville, where Rev. Robert W. Martin is the pastor.

Mr. Travis surrendered to the call to preach in the summer of 1954 and entered Mississippi College at the beginning of the 1954-55 session.

## 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.

### 50 Years Ago

The North Gulfport Church was constituted on December 18, 1904, under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Finley, assisted by Pastor W. C. Grace of the First Baptist Church, Gulfport. Brother Finley was called as the first pastor. The name was later changed to Grace Memorial Baptist Church in honor of Rev. W. C. Grace.

### 25 Years Ago

Secretary Auber J. Wilds and his force of teachers delivered 200 diplomas and other awards to those who took the B. Y. P. U. training course at Clinton the previous week.

Quote from the Christian Herald: "Mr. Henry Ford took a pledge with President Woodrow Wilson during war days that he would read the Bible every day. He keeps that pledge, and in order to do so he has a Bible in every room in his house so that, when he sits down he will have the Book of Books handy . . . (He says) I believe in God, and in Jesus Christ. I was brought up in the church. I belong to the church. I attend church, I never go to hear a sermon, whether it be a preacher in a small church or a large one, that I do not get help." (See Baptist Record, February 20, 1930, page 5)

## DIRECT PUBLIC OPINION URGES CHRISTIAN PAPERS

CHICAGO —(RNS)— Christian journalism should not reflect public opinion but direct it, the Evangelical Press Association was told at its seventh annual convention here.

Dr. A. W. Tozer, pastor of the Christian & Missionary Alliance church, and editor of the Alliance Weekly, stressed this theme to 100 editors and publishers at the two-day meeting.

"Every magazine should in some measure seek to be a leader of religious opinion, instead of sounding opinion to see what it wants and then giving it to them," he said.

"We should know what the public ought to hear, and then try to give it to them in as attractive a form as possible."

The Association re-elected the Rev. J. Fred Parker of Kansas City, Mo., as president. He is editor of Conquest, a Nazarene Publishing House periodical.

New officers elected were Dr. Louis Benes, editor of the Church Herald, Grand Rapids, Mich., vice-president; Miss Verda Bloomhuff, of United Evangelical Action, Cincinnati, secretary; and Mel Larson of Wheaton, Ill., managing editor of Youth for Christ Magazine, treasurer.

Robert D. Higley of Higley Press, Butler, Ind., and William Petersen, assistant editor of Christian Life, Chicago, were

named directors of EPA.

Richard Postma of the Young Calvinist, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Ernest Keasling of YPMS News, Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, Ind., an EPA past vice-president, were named members of the 1955 membership committee to serve with the new executive group.

In addition to Dr. Tozer, featured speakers were James J. Rudisill of Lancaster, Pa., president of the Printing Industry of America, Inc.; Dick Hodgson, managing editor of Advertising Requirements, Chicago; Harry Verploegh, vice-president of Frederick Ryder Co., Chicago typographical firm; Russell T. Hitt, executive editor of Eternity, Philadelphia; Don Mal-lough, national secretary of the Men's Fellowship, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; and Mel Larson of Youth for Christ.

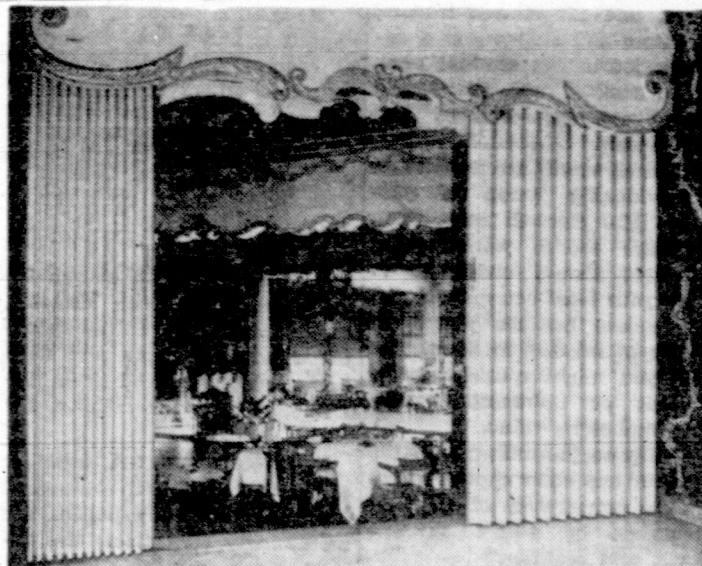
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### UNION ASSOCIATION SETS RECORD

During the first week of February, 1955, the Associational School of Music held in the Union Association broke all previous records in attendance. The attendance reached an all time high of 337. The next highest attendance record was made by the Jones Association in March, 1951.

Two schools were held in the Union Association. Jimmy McCaleb of Columbus, Mississippi, led in the school at Fayette, and W. C. Morgan, the State Secretary, led in the school at Washington. This was the first associational effort in our state for 1955, and this enrollment sets the pattern for all other associations in the state for the year of 1955.

Mrs. R. A. Megginson of Natchez, is the Associational Music Director, Rev. W. B. Boatner of Port Gibson, is the Associational Missionary. Due to the efforts of these two associational leaders, twenty of the twenty-five churches in the association were enlisted in the music week. Herman May, Minister of Music in the Immanuel Church of Natchez, assisted a great deal with

the promotion.

The State Church Music Department expresses appreciation to the workers in this association for setting the pace for a wonderful program of music in our state in 1955.

### FIRST, GREENWOOD IS FIRST

First Church, Greenwood, is the first church in our state to make application for standard recognition under our new Standard of Excellence. The application has been approved by the State Music Secretary, and also the Southwide Music Department in Nashville. The certificate will be mailed to Mrs. R. A. Heritage, Minister of Music, in the First Church, Greenwood.

This should be a challenge to other churches in our state to start working toward the Standard of Excellence for the Music Department. First Church, Greenwood, has the honor of being the first church in our state to receive the standard. The Church Music Department is waiting for other churches to

apply for standard recognition. Write to the Music Department for a copy of the new Standard of Excellence, and ask for other information needed to start your church on its program for standard work.

## Editor Finds Church People Underestimate Religious News

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Church people often underestimate the widespread public interest in church news, Coleman A. Harwell, editor of The Tennessean, Nashville daily newspaper, told 125 church leaders, educators and students at a religious journalism seminar here.

The seminar was the second annual one sponsored by The Tennessean. "Church events are news to an ever-widening group of persons," Mr. Harwell said. "You who are church workers and ministers should undertake to know your local newspapers and its readers because you have stories of interest to them. The item you might consider insignificant or unimportant may have real news value."

"Religious journalism gives the minister and other church workers the opportunity of reaching thousands of people through words and pictures."

The editor cited evangelist Billy Graham as a religious leader who "considers the press a part of his ministry, not an adjunct to it."

"I have never seen a religious worker more aware of the importance of the press in getting his message across," Mr. Harwell said, "as a result, he does a tremendous job in that respect."

The Rev. James Carty, The Tennessean's religious news editor, underscored his chief's comments by telling the seminar that "almost any activity of your

church news is worthy of news coverage." He said that reporters of church news look not only for day-to-day events but seek trends in religion and concrete examples of what is going on.

"Religion is personal," he said, "but it is also social. Reporting of concrete examples can help stimulate others to become religious."

Mrs. R. G. Warner Jr., treasurer of the National Council of Catholic Women, said that church women look to the press as a "valuable ally" and instrument through which church information may reach shut-ins, the dilatory and even the agnostic. Church members also need the stimulus derived from informative religious articles, she added.

Mrs. John T. McCall, president of the United Church Women of Nashville, said newspapers are increasingly recognizing the obligation to print news about what women are thinking and doing.

Dr. Albert McClellan, associate secretary and publications director of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, said the quality of the writing in denominational publications has been constantly improving and now is very high.

He warned that writers for such publications and for daily paper religious articles need to have a perspective and to write well in addition to having religious content in their pieces.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Pontotoc

It was a delightful experience to go back to Pontotoc and supply for them. Some of our readers recall that we came from the pastorate of Pontotoc to the Baptist Record on January 1, 1935. After our visit, we feel that we could write an excellent article on "Since I Left." The Sunday School has grown, the Training Union has grown, and a fine educational annex has been erected.

Many of the leaders now were Juniors and Intermediates then.

Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows: Algoma, 25; Bellevue, 19; Buchanan, 1; Cherry Creek, 51; Ecru, 142; Endville, 36; Friendship, 1; Furrs, 38; Harmony, 1; Longview, 60; Pontotoc, First, 258; Randolph, 49; Shady Grove, 2; Thaxton, 2; Toccopola, 36; Toxish, 59; Turnpike, 1; Valley Grove, 10; West Heights, 79; Zion, 10; Liberty, 27.

### Hammett Does it Again

Recently Rev. J. Hubert Hammett became pastor of the Riverside Church at Natchez. Having experienced the value of the Baptist Record in other churches he wanted it there. He asked that it be sent for a few weeks on trial. The result—one more EVERY FAMILY Plan.

The pastor wrote as follows: "We want to express our deepest heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us in order to get us started. If I can ever be of any assistance to you at any time let me know. I will try to speak a good word for the Baptist Record at the opportune time. I like your idea on the EVERY FAMILY Plan since it gets the Record to the ones who really need it."

Record readers in Adams County are now listed as follows: IMMANUEL, 175; NATCHEZ, FIRST, 606; NATCHEZ, CLOVERDALE, 44; NATCHEZ, WESTSIDE, 154; NATCHEZ, FELLOWSHIP, 101; NATCHEZ, FRIENDSHIP, 43; CRANFIELD, 36; SPRING FIELD CHAPEL, 34; WASHINGTON, 85; MORGANTOWN, 25; CALVARY, 45; RIVERSIDE, 38.

### South Corinth, Alcorn

Once more the free trial plan has worked. Recently the Baptist Record was asked to send sample copies for a few weeks to the members of South Corinth Church, Rev. Harris Pounce, Jr., pastor.

After a few weeks the usual result occurred.

Pastor Pounce writes that we are to continue the list to whom the sample copies have been sent.

Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows:

Antioch, 1; Corinth, First, 16;

## Giant Youth Rally To Close Miami Convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) —A giant Youth Rally Saturday, May 21, at the Dinner Key Auditorium in Miami will be the closing service of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled for May 18-21.

Howard Butt, Baptist laymen of Corpus Christi, Tex., and J. P. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church Charlottesville, Va., will be the featured speakers for the evening, according to G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, director of the youth night service.

The evening program will begin at 7:30.

Bill Cody, associate in the Student Department is in charge of promotion for Youth Night at the Convention, and will preside at the service, Keegan said. Plans for the giant Saturday night service have been guided through the Miami local chairman, Ralph Langley, pastor, University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Fla.

CORINTH, TATE STREET, 180; County Line, 3; Danville, 1; Glendale, 18; HINKLE CREEK, 35; Holly, 2; KEMP'S CHAPEL, 35; KOSSUTH, 26; Lovejoy, 1; RIENZI, 41; SHILOH, 56; TISHOMINGO CHAPEL, 44; Tusculumbia, 3; WEST CORINTH, 112; WHEELER GROVE, 72; EAST CORINTH, 73; SOUTH CORINTH, 28.

### Mathiston

Pastor B. Dolphis Hardin reports that Mathiston has made tentative plans to build a new auditorium to help take care of the present overcrowded conditions. The present auditorium will then be converted into Sunday School rooms.

Record readers in Webster County are now listed as follows: ALVA, 21; CROSS ROADS, 31; Double Springs, 16; Edgeworth, 12; EUPORA, 167; FELLOWSHIP (BELLEFONTAIN), 33; Harmony, 1; Lollar's Grove, 1; MANTEE, 88; MATHISTON, 75; MT. ZION, 33; MT. VERNON, 36; MONTE VISTA, 32; NEW HOPE, 37; CUMBERLAND, 20; Philadelphia, 14; PILGRIM'S REST, 43; Sapa, 1; Walthall, 2; Spring Hill, 19.

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## South Laurel Ordains Minister



William H. Ponder

On Friday night, February 4, the South Laurel Church ordained William H. Ponder to the full Gospel Ministry.

The Ordination Examining Council was composed of neighboring pastors and deacons. Rev. T. E. Fant preached the ordination sermon; Rev. J. M. Foy led the prayer; Rev. Tom Renfro gave the charge to the candidate and to the church; the pastor, Rev. W. P. Blair, presented the candidate with a Bible from the church.

Mr. Ponder has been called to the Seminary Church, Perry County, and is a student at William Carey College. His wife is the former Miss Jenifer Parker, who is a graduate of the Ellisville Jr. College, and is a graduate nurse.

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In the church the poster should be in a well-lighted place. If it is in a location with a long approach, such as the end of a hall, it will make a more lasting impression than poorly-placed ones. No one looks for posters. If they are in an out-of-the-way place or in a place where the moving viewer would see them for less than two seconds, most of their effectiveness is wasted. But properly placed, well lighted, vivid posters aren't easy to forget. — Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

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## BAPTISMS BY STATES, 1954

Below is a report of baptisms by states during 1954. According to Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, this is an all-time record in the 109 years of Baptist history, that every state had a gain in baptisms the same year, and it is an all-time record in baptisms for Southern Baptists.

Southern Baptist Convention	396,857	Illinois	7,769
Alabama	26,582	Kansas	1,627
Alaska	340	Kentucky	24,768
Arkansas	14,668	Louisiana	15,103
Arizona	3,062	Maryland	3,388
Arkansas	14,668	Mississippi	16,448
California	9,367	Missouri	19,630
District of Columbia	1,679	New Mexico	4,294
Florida	20,217	North Carolina	35,620
Georgia	33,422	Ohio	1,242
Hawaii	310	Oklahoma	22,490
		Oregon-Washington	1,327
		South Carolina	18,063
		Tennessee	31,718
		Texas	66,710
		Mexican	1,900
		Virginia	15,113

Editor's Note: Probably no other denomination has ever baptized so many people in one year.

## Conditions Worse Under Legalization Legal Liquor Not The Solution

By N. S. Jackson

I note, as usual when the Legislature meets, there is talk of legalizing liquor. I give below some data compiled from records and other reliable sources—information of which I am persuaded that many of our Legislators, as well as Mississippians, are unaware.

**VIRGINIA** is one of the seventeen Monopoly states—that is the state itself is in the liquor business. Note results following adoption of the Monopoly plan: Hospital Reports show that alcoholic cases increased over 500 per cent in Staunton, Virginia, and 700 per cent in Petersburg, Virginia, state hospitals after liquor was legalized.

Police Court records show that drunkenness cases in courts increased 110 per cent average for 13 cities in four months under state liquor stores.

The Virginia Department of Public Safety show that permits revoked for drunken driving increased 666 per cent under legal liquor.

Federal Reports show that illicit stills destroyed increased in the state from 418 to 1,187 in two years of state controlled liquor.

**ALABAMA** is also a monopoly state—the state being in the liquor business. Note results following the opening of State Liquor Stores:

"New Jails and penitentiaries are being built at top speed in Alabama as a result of needs created by larger liquor consumption. Birmingham is completing a \$125,000 annex to its Southside jail; Bessemer opened a larger new jail; other cities and towns have enlarged or repaired, or will build new jails; Cullman meanwhile is using a livery stable for additional jail facilities; Brewton has requisitioned a stockyard for drunks; and the state of Alabama, noting its largest prison population in history is planning the biggest penitentiary this state has ever had." Alabama Christian Advocate.

Records show that alcoholic psychosis (insanity from drink) increased 700 per cent after the state went in the liquor business.

Reports of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board show that agents of the Board made 1,271 cases against bootleggers before legalization and 3,450 the first year of legalization.

It is a matter of court record that bootleggers bought liquor from State Stores during the hours the stores were legally open, for resale during hours the State Stores were closed.

Judge H. B. Abernethy, Judge of Misdemeanor and Felony Courts, Birmingham, said, "Conditions are now ten times worse."

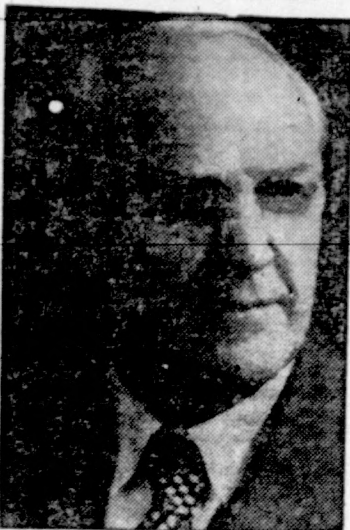
Why have the people of Alabama outlawed liquor in 47 of the 67 counties, if legalization is the best method of dealing with the liquor problem?

**ARKANSAS.** Headline in Crittenden County Times: "Drinking and Drunkenness have increased Since Hard Liquor was Legalized. Big Increase Registered After Liquor Came Back." Under the Headline: "Arrests for drunken driving and drunkenness in Crittenden County show an increase of more than 100 per cent over the previous two years."

The Arkansas Legislature passed a bill in March 1941, of which Section 7 reads in part: "Whereas, it has been ascertained that large quantities of 'Moonshine' intoxicating liquors are being manufactured and sold in the State of Arkansas..."

**KENTUCKY** is also a wet state, and as much whiskey is distilled in Kentucky as in all the other states; but the people have outlawed liquor in 92 of the 120 counties, and there are additional dry areas in other counties. Of the 92 counties voting liquor out only one in a ten year period has voted it in again. Why, if legal liquor is best did not the people in the 91 dry counties see their mistake and hasten to relegalize it?

## Dr. R. G. Lee to Speak At Natchez Feb. 28



Dr. R. G. Lee

Union Association is to hear Dr. R. G. Lee at the Monticello School Auditorium in Natchez on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p. m. The occasion is a great Association wide rally to be held as a "kick off" for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in Union Association.

Great crowds are being expected. Busses and cars will be going early, so they may have seats.

**FORMER** Governor, Gordon Browning, of Tennessee stated that conditions in Tennessee, a License state, where worse under legalized liquor. He stated that one item alone, the cost to counties in board and keep of jail prisoners serving sentences for drunkenness was far more than all liquor revenues derived in the state. The statement was made while Governor Browning was in Mississippi to address a Methodist Conference.

We know that conditions are bad in Mississippi, and you no doubt are sincere in believing that legalization and so-called control would be better than our present laws. However, as bad as conditions are we hold an enviable position in comparison with other states. Every fair minded person will concede that alcoholism will be in proportion to amount of liquor consumed—the more liquor the more alcoholism. Mississippi has a low rate compared with other states. Dr. E. M. Jellinek, a member of the faculty of Yale University, and Director of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, shows in a book, Recent Trends in Alcoholism and Alcohol Consumption that the rate of Alcoholism per 100,000 population in Mississippi is only 428, and the rate per 100,000 population is shown to be 1034 in New York, 1161 in California, 996 in Missouri, and 932 in Illinois.

Monopoly or License systems break down for the reason that the only control possible is in sale and distribution, and the source of trouble is in the contents of the bottle and not in the method of sale and distribution.

## Two Films Disavowed By Billy Graham

There are two films currently being shown in theaters throughout the United States and in Canada that are misleading in their advertising.

"THE MIGHTY FORTRESS" is a production of the Paul Short Productions in cooperation with "March of Time" and distributed by Allied Artists to the movie industry. Billy Graham, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, or the Billy Graham Films have absolutely no control over this film. It is a documentation of religious resurgence in 1954 in which some of the news reels of Mr. Graham's British and European tours are used. Included in this film are also reports of the World Council of Churches at Evanston and the Marian Year.

Another picture recently released by Metro-Goldwyn Mayer entitled "The Lord In His Corner" has also carried misleading advertising, particularly in Canada. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates had ever even heard of this film until it appeared. The advertising uses Mr. Graham's name, and calls him the fighting evangelist, who built a pulpit from the prize ring.

Mr. Graham has not changed his policy relative to releasing films through regular theaters. The two above-mentioned pictures are not Mr. Graham's productions, nor does he have any control whatsoever over them. Billy Graham films are released only through Billy Graham Film, Inc. of 2627 Connecticut Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C.

Also there has recently appeared on most news stands a biographical booklet entitled "Billy Graham, The Man and His Message." This booklet gives a somewhat sensational but sympathetic treatment. This booklet was totally unauthorized. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates knew anything about it until it appeared on the stands.

Due to the tremendous publicity Mr. Graham has received during recent months, many such promotional schemes will likely be appearing. It is questionable whether legal steps, if taken, would prevent these things.

lessen bootlegging. This is shown Legalization does not stop or by reports given above. Consider this: An executive of a liquor dealer's organization stated that there were 110,000 more Federal Liquor Stamps (Federal License) in the United States than state license or permits. The two states which have not legalized liquor, Mississippi and Oklahoma have in round numbers a total of 2,000 Federal Liquor stamps. This leaves 108,000 in the 46 wet states an average of 2377 per state. The wet states have therefore, an average of 2348 liquor sellers who have no state license. Bootleggers they are.

## Student Secretary At Blue Mountain



Miss Faye Wilkes

Miss Faye Wilkes, Meridian, who became student secretary at Blue Mountain College at the opening of the present semester.

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**PASTOR AND CHURCH** by Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin, president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, (Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$2) is written primarily for pastors. Beginning with a clear interpretation of the New Testament idea of the church, the author proceeds to give the origin, organization, and objectives of a church. Then he tells how the various phases of work in a church can be successfully conducted. He discusses each phase of the church program in a practical, helpful way. The book is particularly helpful for pastors of smaller churches which are launching a full church program. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher. The author was formerly pastor in Alabama, Georgia, and New Jersey.

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## OUR EXAMPLE

Many of our associations are setting an example for the other associations in the state by being consistently standard and regularly meeting the requirements of the Associational Standard of Excellence. The Associational Standard of Excellence is a program of work and is the training guide for the association.

The following associations have reported standard work within the past two quarters: Hinds, Lincoln, Calhoun, Mississippi, Gulf Coast, Tippah, Scott and Covington. We salute these associations and their directors. The associational directors of these standard associations are as follows: Hinds, Mr. Earl Clark, Jackson; Rev. A. W. Talbert, Lincoln; Mrs. E. E. Barton, Calhoun; Mrs. Matt Duck, Mississippi; Mr. V. J. Runnels, Gulf Coast; Tippah, Donald Hopper; Covington, Mrs. C. C. Rogers. At the Associational Officers Planning Meeting last November several of the associational directors pledged to work toward a standard association for the coming year. Our goal for the year of 1954-1955 is 18 standard associations. Let's help our association to become standard!

## SOUL WINNING EMPHASIS

Many of our churches and associations over the state are planning and preparing for the soul winning study courses leading up to the simultaneous evangelistic crusade. Training Union Directors and Pastors are emphasizing the contribution that the Training Union can make during the revival, preceding the revival, and following the revival. During the next few weeks the soul winning books will be taught. The requests for awards for these book should be sent in on the request for awards blank which may be secured from the state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.

## NESHOPA ASSOCIATION

Neshoba Association recently met at East Philadelphia Church. Conferences were held for the various age groups and major emphasis was placed upon the launching of plans for the simultaneous crusade and the promotions of the soul winning study courses and the use of the Training Union in a revival.

## Union Association

Union Association recently met at Fayette with 183 in attendance and 15 churches represented. Rev. T. J. Boyd, Associational Training Union Director, presided. Conferences were held for the age groups represented. Rev. Boatner, Association Missionary, presented plans for the evangelistic crusade. Mr. Norris Edmonson led the pastors,

Training Union directors and Adult leaders in a discussion of the Convention and Assembly features and the promotion of the soul winning study courses.

Springfield Church was awarded the banner for the highest attendance.

## TOO EARLY?

No, it is not too early to start thinking about and planning for the eliminations in the Adult Mission Story Feature, Young People's Speakers' Tournament, Intermediate Sword Drill, Junior Memory Work Drill and Primary Story Time in our churches, in our associations and finally, at the District Training Union Convention. Get the materials needed for the promotion of the features in the hands of your leaders and into the hands of those who will be participating.

It is not too early to begin thinking about coming to the State Training Union Convention at Jackson, June 24, 1955.

It is not too early to begin thinking about making reservations for the Training Union Assembly at Camp Garaywa Aug. 15-20 either. Already many reservations are coming in. We will have only one week at Camp Garaywa this year. You may receive information by writing to the state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.

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ODESSA, Tex. — (BP) —

Texas Baptist Sunday school workers and teachers "learned by doing" at the recent annual state Sunday School Clinic. After morning and afternoon sessions of the clinic in Odessa, Tex., an enlargement campaign was conducted during the evenings in Odessa and neighboring Midland Baptist churches. The campaign, which included census taking and teaching study course books was led by forty-three Southern and Texas Baptist Sunday school workers. More than 2,600 attended the clinic.

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No church, regardless of how small it is, is so crowded it should not spend at least a small amount of money for publicity. But any church must be shown that each expenditure is wise, that it will get results. A person who wishes to persuade

his church to spend money for publicity must consider how much the church can wisely afford to spend for it. The four-time church, with a budget of a thousand dollars annually, cannot use a highway billboard or much paid newspaper advertising efficiently. The same money spent on other means, such as posters, mailed advertising, and a church paper, would get more

## 65 Men Attend Clinton Brotherhood Meeting



## Reflective Writing Trends

By Lewis A. Myers

Editor's Note: Dr. Myers is editor of the BAPTIST NEW MEXICAN, and a Mississippian. He was reared in Simpson County.

It is an evil day when people quit writing in the deeper strains and become satisfied with the light and racey. Will you study these facts for a moment and in the light of what is reflected write the paper regarding your opinion on how to meet the situation?

a. Articles submitted for publication, by daily average, run nine to one in favor of the field promotional type.

b. Nine articles to one come from the pen of Southern Baptist secretaries.

c. The one article of a non-promotional nature is usually a feature interpretive of some life factor, as for instance, "Sunlight and Shadows."

d. Articles of an exegetical nature or those touching Bible interpretation run about one out of each twenty-five received.

e. Of all the stories submitted voluntarily, pastors are the authors of about one out of fifty. If my New Mexico pastor-friends will permit this word, of the few preacher-written articles, less than 10 per cent are from the pens of local men.

What is reflected is multiple in its scope. Involved is the increasing difficulty of editing a balanced denominational magazine in this highly specialized age. Involved is the danger that a surfeiting of the light and superficial may lead to a future generation of surface readers. Involved is the danger that there will ultimately be a minimized importance placed upon discussions of a scriptural and doctrinal nature.

Of course, we could be unduly

results for this church.—Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

alarmed since direct effects are felt first and with constancy at the desk of an editor whose very "charge to keep" includes setting forth the truths, maintenance of the doctrines of our faith, defense of our liberties, definition of the spiritual in application to life, creation, and maintenance of unity, the propagation of truth and justice, and on ad finitum. These cannot be omitted and the future be the same with our denomination of tomorrow.

If we may suggest, there are too few religious leaders agreeable to assignments requiring researchful study. This attitude, we think, is due to the ever increasing organizational demands of the local fields, so far as ministers are concerned. When invitations for articles are addressed to them, they tell us that their activities are bounded by organization. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule and even the busiest of pastors and religious leaders find the time to produce Christian stories on request and without request.

In suggesting more stories of a researchful nature and more in a deeper strain of thought we do not depreciate the field stories. These we would like to receive in every mail. We appreciate the field secretaries and agency heads who take the time to prepare articles with care. We work. It isn't less of something hope they will keep up that good that we are talking about as much as it is more of something. Intricacies of much organization and the necessities of much promotion demand much writing. The use of the printed page at this point is good. Finally, we would like to suggest that "Writer's Cramp" is an imaginary ailment and there are plenty of leaders among us with adequate ability for writing, an ability for which an accounting should be made along the course of service, rather than at the great Judgment day.

Sixty-five men attended the first meeting of the Clinton Baptist Church Brotherhood January 19. The supper meeting was held in the newly redecorated church basement. Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church of Jackson was the keynote speaker. Dr. Rhodes is a graduate of Mississippi College.

In the message of the evening, Dr. Rhodes challenged the men to be good laymen, to follow the leadership of the pastor, to be faithful to the church and faithful to God in all things.

During the month of February, the Clinton Brotherhood is placing emphasis on the R. A. work of the church. The monthly program will be centered around the R. A. work and the Brotherhood's new responsibility for it.

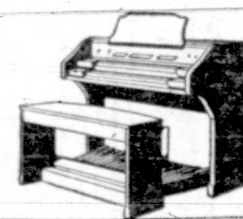
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## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reported at its January meeting the receipt of \$1,297,123 from the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention for the advance of foreign missions. (Foreign missions advance program money is the Foreign Mission Board's share in Cooperative Program funds over and above the fixed budget of the Convention.)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention received a total of \$10,739,497 in Cooperative Program funds from the state Baptist conventions in 1954 for distribution to Convention-wide agencies and boards. This represents an increase of \$1,056,137 over 1953 and a total of \$1,889,497 over the Convention's 1954 budget. After Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., received \$160,000, the advance program funds were divided between the mission boards, with 75 per cent going to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

Six hundred thousand dollars of the advance program funds had already been included in the 1955 budget of the Board to assure advance in foreign fields. The sum of \$375,000 is being appropriated in January and February for urgent capital needs, with each of the three large areas in which the Board divides its work sharing equally. These areas are (1) Africa, Europe, and the Near East, (2) Latin America, and (3) the Orient.

Seventy-five thousand dollars is being held toward possible provision of a Foreign Mission Board headquarters building; \$25,000 was appropriated for production of a recruitment film to be used by the Board's personnel department; \$10,000 will make possible free distribution of the film; \$3,500 will provide printed material for the personnel department to use in missionary recruitment; and \$15,000 was earmarked for low-cost distribution of audio-visual materials produced by the Foreign Mission Board.

These appropriations left approximately \$195,000 of the advance program funds to be used in successive months in meeting urgent capital needs on the mission fields.

### Buildings and Equipment

The following were among the appropriations made at the January Board meeting for buildings and equipment and current expenses on the fields:

**Africa:** 18,619 for housing and maintenance for teachers for the Central School in Sanyati, Southern Rhodesia; \$3,750 for housing, Oyo, Nigeria; and \$2,500 for housing, Ogbomoso, Nigeria.

**Europe:** \$8,825 for publication work in Italy and \$2,000 for the young people's assembly, Italy.

**Near East:** \$2,000 for teachers' salaries, Gaza, Egypt, and \$1,500 for support of a Jewish worker in Israel.

**Latin America:** \$10,000 for missionary residence, San Jose, Costa Rica; \$9,500 for field automobiles in Latin America; \$5,000 for surgical equipment, Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay; \$5,000 for current expenses, Bible Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay.

**The Orient:** \$13,250 for eight cars for missionaries in Japan; \$13,000 for purchase of additional land in Taipei, Formosa, across the street from the National University where the building for Grace Baptist Church is now under construction; \$10,000 for apartment for missionary women on the same piece of land; \$3,000 for purchase of a station wagon for Baptist Press in Hong Kong; and \$2,500 for a duplex apartment for missionaries in Hong Kong.

### Dr. Means Leaves for Latin American Trip

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, will leave Monday, January 17, for a survey trip through all of the Board's Latin American mission areas. This will be his first such trip since his election to the post last October.

After a visit with the Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., he will visit Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. He is scheduled to return to Richmond about March 25.

In giving his report to the Board, Dr. Means said Southern Baptists now have 395 missionaries in Latin America. "More than half of the churches and more than half of the members related to the churches which are the product of Southern Baptist mission endeavor are to be found in Latin America," he said. "These churches regularly report at least half of the baptisms in our total world mission undertaking."

### Crawley Will Come to States for Two Months

The Board took action which will make possible a trip to the United States for Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient who now has headquarters in Singapore.

According to present plans, Dr. Crawley will arrive in March and will remain in the States about two months. He will be in Richmond for the April and May meetings of the Foreign Mission Board, will attend the world missions conference at Ft. Worth, Tex., March 18-23, will visit the Baptist seminaries to present missionary personnel needs for the Orient, will attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami in May, and will take part in an orien-

## My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. Emma Swanson, Columbia

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (King James Version) Philippians 4:6.

II. By Mrs. J. M. Neal, DeKalb  
"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalms 23:1 (King James Version).

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish one each week. When sending your favorite verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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## Man Of Distinction

In an effort to be helpful we suggest that the artist who paints those attractive pictures to go along with the liquor crowd's advertisements of "men of distinction," paint a picture of the California man who was arrested on charges of beating his partially blind and aged mother. He explained that "I was so drunk I didn't know what happened."

If this isn't some kind of distinction we have missed the meaning of the word.

tation program for newly appointed missionaries. The remainder of the time will be spent at headquarters offices in Richmond studying Board administration and presenting reports of work in the Orient.

### Africa

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said reports from the eastern division of Nigeria are the best that have ever come from that region. The average per capita gift for causes outside their own churches was \$2.12. During the year one person was baptized for every five church members.

A recent meeting of the executive committee of the Nigeria Mission indicates that the missionaries of Nigeria would like to see Southern Baptists advance in force into the Moslem north. Dr. Sadler said, "Whether or not we shall be able to do so will depend upon the resources of personnel and money which Southern Baptists make available."

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According to a report from Dr. Porter Routh, Executive-Secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, Mississippi gave to the Cooperative Program in January, 1955 \$47,479.55. In January, 1954 Mississippi gave \$50,235.23 to the Cooperative Program. In January, 1955 Mississippians gave \$51,272.24 to designated causes and in January, 1954 they gave \$46,116.05 to designated causes.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

### Education of Preachers

Question: I am writing in regard to a young man who feels the call to the ministry but lacks the proper training. He plans to enter a state university when he could enter a Baptist school. Is this all right?

Answer: It would be of interest to know just why your young preacher wants to enter a state university. Is it close to his home? Does he feel led to enter the university? Does he think that he will get better training there? Has someone prejudiced him against our Baptist schools? Or does he look down on the fellowship and training of like-minded, other young preachers, in the denominational schools?

Frankly, I had rather he would enter a state university than our so-called non-demonstrational Christian colleges. Most of the latter will prejudice him against our organized Baptist life and make a full-grown Pharisee out of him.

I think the best place for a young Baptist preacher to get an education is in one of our many Baptist colleges. There he will get to know others with whom he will serve all of his life. He will get the best of academic training. And he will grow in his knowledge and experience of the Baptist doctrines and practices.

Your young man will likely regret his decision to enter a state university. Then he will become bitter and blame his inadequacies on our denomination. Wise pulpits committees will think twice before they will consider him. He will have to take years to prove himself.

Why does any such young person accept such a handicap? Probably because he is young and has had poor advisors?

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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## Pleasant Hill Revival To Begin On Feb. 20

Pleasant Hill church Simpson County, will participate in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade, beginning their meeting on February 20.

The pastor, Rev. Milton Scott, a student at New Orleans Seminary, will lead the four-day revival.

Under Mr. Scott's leadership the church has gone from half-time to full-time services and a pastorium has been built.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 21—Inter-Racial Conferences; Mary Jeanne Wooley, faculty, William Carey College.

February 22—Regional Sunday School Convention, Pontotoc, First Church; Rev. J. E. Moak, Pearl River Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

February 23—Mrs. W. B. Hattiday, State W. M. U. Recording Secretary; Regional Sunday School Convention, First Church, Louisville.

February 24—F. M. Crawford, Waltham Associational Brotherhood President; Regional Sunday School Convention, First Church, Laurel.

February 25—Frances Browning, Clarke College faculty; Rev. D. L. Stennis, Clarke Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

February 26—Bill Benefield, Director of Publicity, Mississippi College; Dr. Jack Lyall, Lebanon Associational Music Director.

February 27—Mrs. Ernest Barton, Calhoun Associational Training Union Director; James Rogers, Delta State, State BSU President; Rev. A. G. Smith, Winston-Choctaw Associational Missionary.


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## Intermediate Age Population Increasing

Building committees of local churches will be interested in figures recently released by the Statistical Department of the Southern Baptist Convention predicting a growth of 37 per cent in intermediate age population by 1960.

This Age group, 13-16, will jump from 9,000,000 to more than 12,000,000 in the nation by 1960. This is the largest rate of increase of any Southern Baptist age group.

The next largest increase is in the Junior age span, 9-12, which will grow 27 per cent by 1960. Certainly these two facts point to the conclusions that more space must be provided, and new departments and classes organized for this vital age group.



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## WILDWOOD CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED FEBRUARY 20



Shown above is the recently completed auditorium of the Wildwood Church (Laurel). It will be dedicated Sunday, February 20.



Rev. J. M. Fay

Wildwood Church, Laurel, has completed another unit of their church plant and the auditorium will be dedicated on Sunday, February 20 at the eleven o'clock service. Rev. J. M. Fay is the pastor.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

Although only four years old, Wildwood Church has a membership of 306. And it is one of the few churches that have a larger Sunday School enrollment than the membership enrollment. The Sunday School has a roll of 307 and this does not include the Extension and Cradle Roll Departments.

The Sunday School has reached the Standard of Excellence. During the past year there were 95 additions to the membership.

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The French Camp Church finds that it is necessary to add two more Sunday School rooms to take care of the increasing numbers in attendance. Three young men have been elected as deacons, and are to be ordained February 24. Rev. C. F. Anglin is the pastor.

## Using Radio To Prepare For the Coming Crusade

By Dr. C. E. Autrey

It is imperative that Southern Baptist use every means of preparation known to us to ready our people for the colossal task which is now at hand. This Convention-wide effort to see revival in our land is of God, but as always God must use His people to bring it to pass.

One of the most effective means of preparation is publicity. Radio is one of the finest methods of publicity. All over our convention territory are hundreds of Baptist preachers and churches who broadcast by radio every week. Some of them reach only the city where they are located and the limited outlying areas. Some are touching a large part of the state where they are located, and some reach across several states. All are effective and influential. We thank God for this mighty ministry. God is blessing it.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is asking all of the preachers and churches and pastors to join hands and prayers with us and ask all their listeners to pray for and attend these services. Begin publicizing it now, and keep it up all the way through to the end of the effort. Give the dates of the three zones, and give attention to the zone where the particular broadcast originates. The revival in the Tropical Zone is to be held March 6-20; in the Central Zone, March 27-April 10; in the Northern Zone, April 10-24.

A concerted cooperative effort on the part of all our pastors and churches who broadcast from now through this simultaneous effort will guarantee the cooperation of many churches and people and will result in the

## People Urged to Pray For the 1955 Crusade

By Dr. C. Y. Dossey

We have a good organization. Practically every one of the more than 1,000 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention have their steering committees. This means more than 10,000 men are serving on these committees. We have had great evangelistic conferences in all our states. But good organization, great programs, and great resources are all empty and lifeless if we have not the power of the Holy Spirit.

The one way to obtain the Holy Spirit is through prayer (Luke 11:13). If our pastors and people do not spend much time in prayer, this crusade will not accomplish what it should.

One week has been set aside in each of the three zones as a week of prayer for the Crusade. It is the firm conviction of this writer that one week in each one is not enough. The purpose of this little article is to urge all our pastors, Sunday school teachers, Training Union leaders, WMU presidents, Brotherhood presidents, and BSU presidents to call their people to pray in every meeting from now until the close of the Crusade — praying for the power of God to be upon this effort.

We would like to make the following two suggestions:

1. The associational chairman of evangelism or the associational moderator call the pastors together each week for a season of prayer.

2. The associational chairman of prayer see that all churches observe the week of prayer in their respective zones.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) — "The Spirit of B.S.U." is the title of a new Broadman filmstrip released this month by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The purpose of the filmstrip is to inform parents and prospective Baptist college students what the Baptist Student Union is and explain its benefits. The color filmstrip uses the song, "The Spirit of B.S.U." as background music. It is available with or without recorded narration.

salvation of many thousands of lost souls. The Department of Evangelism, Dr. C. E. Matthews, its Secretary, and our great Southern Baptist Zoin will be forever grateful to all who help us do this vital service.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 13, 1955

Clarksdale, Oakhurst	477	137
Clarksdale	417	131
Petal-Harvey	325	120
Main School	300	
Harvey	15	
Petal	10	
Laurel, First	566	170
Hattiesburg		
Main Street	942	452
Edwards	82	44
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	187	77
Jackson, Calvary	1508	491
Main Church	1442	458
Mission	56	33
Jackson, Broadmoor	492	187
Jackson, West	387	125
Byram (Hinds)	253	155
Jackson, Hillcrest	215	120
Jackson, Van Winkle	503	279
Pearl (Rankin)	176	111
Jackson, Crestwood	595	436
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	178	91
Jackson, Highland	113	50
Richland (Rankin)	136	67
Clinton	567	372
Flowood	97	90
Jackson, North Side	578	232
Jackson, Alta Woods	641	245
Briar Hill (Rankin)	90	57
Clarksdale, Riverside	240	145
Lucedale	432	147
Glenfield		
(Union County)	103	81
Greenwood, Calvary	441	185
Murphy Creek		
(Winston)	141	81
Laurel, Highland	210	115
Columbia, First	638	240
Main School	560	187
South Columbia		
Mission	78	53
Sandersville	152	64
Charleston, First	402	164
Meridian, 41st Ave.	339	97
Marks, First	219	66
Vicksburg, First	549	192
Ruleville	277	102
Fellowship (Choctaw)	75	83
Houston, First	279	153
Grenada, Emmanuel	267	95
Laurel (Harmony)	165	85
Midway (Lauderdale)	147	89
Itta Bena, First	214	87
Skene	112	50
Soso, First	181	59
Coldwater	122	52
Ruth	47	33
Kosciusko, First	733	285
Main School	703	
Maple Mission	30	
Hattiesburg, First	606	208
Cleveland, Immanuel	163	125
Niland Chapel		
(Bolivar)	44	38
Wayside (Yalobusha)	39	32
New Prospect		
(Lincoln)	135	82
Crystal Spring, First	719	232
Pascagoula, First	740	284
Main School	654	212
McArthur Chapel	34	24
Orange Grove	52	48
Gillsburg	160	117
Brookhaven		
Pearlhaven	133	58
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	115	68
Fair River (Lincoln)	107	55
Concord (Choctaw)	98	95
New Sight (Lincoln)	106	55
Brookhaven		
Hamilton Street	156	98
Bluff Springs (Pike)	80	65
Brookhaven, First	792	310
Main	667	242
Southway Chapel	88	47

## Foundation Heads To Meet In Atlanta February 21

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — The Convention-wide Baptist Foundation Executives coming to Atlanta, February 21 for their annual conference will hear discussions on finance, investments, creation and administering of trusts and wills, and annuities, according to Arthur Jackson, Atlanta, Ga., president of the group. The conference will begin Monday evening, February 21 and will run through Wednesday, February 23.

Two evening, two morning, and one afternoon conferences have been scheduled.

On program are: R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission; J. C. Cantrell, Dallas, Tex., executive vice-president of the Baptist Foundation of Texas; H. F. Reinhardt, president of Ward, Dreshman, Reinhardt, Inc., Atlanta; J. Allen Wilson, Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, and Carlton W. Binns, also of Atlanta.

Showing of the film "All for Him," and an open forum will be highlights of the Tuesday morning session.

The program is under direction of Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson, Miss.; J. C. Cantrell, Dallas, Tex.; T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.; Herschel C. Pettus, Alexandria, La.; and W. A. Packwood, Phoenix, Ariz.

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Heights Chapel	37	21
Gulfport, First	932	339
Pelahatchie	174	57
Calvary (Alcorn)	86	42
McComb, Friendship	185	98
McComb, East	455	183
Pleasant Ridge		
(Holmes)	76	61
McComb, Locust Stret	87	52
Hattiesburg, Temple	508	154
Ripley, First	227	84
Morton (Scott)	284	110
Main	269	
Mission	15	
Grenada, First	726	188
Gulfport		
Grace Memorial	233	74
Aberdeen, First	371	106
Yazoo City, First	546	192
Meridian, South Side	415	165
Yazoo City, Calvary	204	143
County Line (Green)	44	24
Spanish Fort	49	41
Stonewall	163	111
Meridian		
Oakhurst Heights	289	124
Canton		
Center Terrace	265	158
Union, First	349	130
Long Beach, First	250	93
New Prospect		
(Desoto)	113	62
Jackson, First	1319	460
Hernando, First	159	93
Gulfport, New Hope	95	51
Longview (Oktibbeha)	98	64
Amity (Chickasaw)	51	49
Pine Bluff (Copiah)	81	57
Seminary, Union, Sr.	100	104
Bethlehem (Jones)	165	102

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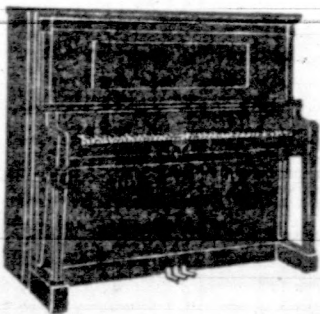
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Rev. S. W. Valentine

Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor of the First Baptist church of Biloxi, will lead the conference for Pastors and Superintendents during the Sunday School Convention at the Laurel First Baptist church, on Thursday, February 24.

We are happy to have this fine pastor with us for this service at that Convention. He has done an outstanding work at Biloxi for about twenty years, and has been one of our most loyal to the whole Baptist program.

We urge our pastors and superintendents to be sure and be present for this conference and make plans for greater Bible schools this year.

The music leader for our three Sunday School Conventions in Pontotoc, Louisville and Laurel, February 22-24, will be Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of the Southside Baptist church in Jackson.

Brother Valentine knows how to get people to sing, and they like the way he does it. While our music periods are short, in a crowded program like this, they are important, and we are indeed glad to have this good pastor and song leader with us for all three of our Conventions. We know you will like him and his service in song.

### WE DIDN'T REACH A MILLION BUT SET A NEW RECORD

We did not reach the million that was our goal last year for net Sunday school enrollment gain in the Southern Baptist Convention, but we did set a new record.

Our gain was 613,000. The previous all-time high was 382,000. So the gain last year was 230,000 more than we had reached in our greatest previous year.

All of which means that it pays to set worthy goals. We would never have gained 613,000 last year if we had not been aiming higher. So, aim high is good.

Mississippi's gain last year was about 23,000. That was the best we have ever had for any one year. That brings our total Mississippi Sunday school enrollment now up to 277,000. Our Vacation Bible school enrollment last year in Mississippi was over 130,000. This phase of our Bap-

tist work is sponsored by the Sunday School Department.

This means, then, that the total enrollment in work promoted by the state Sunday School Department is now more than 400,000, greater by far than that of all the other departments combined.

We are most grateful to the thousands of faithful workers who helped so diligently last year in this great program of Bible teaching, both Sunday school and Vacation school.

Let us all keep up the good fight this year to do even better and carry the gospel of better Bible teaching to more people than ever.

### MAGNOLIA STANDARDIZES

The Magnolia school, Rev. Tom Douglas, pastor, has promoted a vigorous program of training and standards for several months, and it is really paying off now.

Of 25 classes above the Primary, 23 are standard. All teachers and officers in the Nursery, Beginner and Primary have qualified on their part for stand-

## Catholics Report Italian Aid

NEW YORK — (RNS) — More than \$160,000 worth of relief materials were distributed in the last quarter of 1954 to refugees in Italy by the Italian Mission of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, according to a report received at the agency's offices here.

(Editor's Note: Protestants, Baptists and Catholics pay taxes to supply these goods but the Catholics run it and get the credit.)

In the Roman area alone, the report said, more than 1,000 "Operation Poinsettia" food parcels were distributed.

(These parcels, planned for distribution just prior to and during the Christmas holidays, each contained about 15 pounds of flour, powdered milk, cheese, lard, butter, rice and beans provided free of charge by the U. S. government from its stock of surplus foods. Costs of packaging, shipping and distribution were borne by the various church agencies utilizing the gifts.)

"To bring a mite of happiness during the holidays, rations over and above normal were distributed in the refugee camps," the Italian Mission reported. "This was made possible by special cash donations from War Relief Services-NCWC and from the Pontifical Welfare Agency. From these donations the camp chaplains also were able to purchase toys for the refugee children.

"All in all these unfortunate families had a rather enjoyable Christmas due to the generosity of the American people."

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: P. L. Fiveash, McLaurin; Rev. Foy Rogers, Pontotoc; Rev. Lester Janes, Ripley; Rev. Dick Miller, Alaska; Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Waring, Brookhaven; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. George Dye, Clinton.

ard, making a total of 55 out of 58 in the school, as against only one last March. That's great.

Mr. E. O. Smith is the associate superintendent in charge of training and standards, and he is doing a great job of it.

## Soviet Paper Tells Important Problems Of Scientific Propaganda For Atheism

USSR (FPS): — "Religion is the bulwark of everything that is old and obsolete. It protects ignorance and backwardness. With its dogmatism, and its stale, lifeless assumptions, religion makes people lazy in mind, it makes them stop thinking. It clings obstinately to the past and is averse to all the new achievements in science and in living conditions. Religion is a drag on those who believe in it; it prevents them from improving their culture, their scientific knowledge and their scientific view of life, without which they cannot rightly understand the successful extension of the Soviet order of society through Communism."

So writes a contributor to The Communist — the theoretical and political paper of the Central Party in the Soviet Union in the Committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union in the last number (No. 13, 1954). He continues: "Propaganda for atheism must confront the religious viewpoint with the scientific, materialist explanation of nature and society — namely the scientific theory of the evolution of nature, of the social order and of socialist thought. This propaganda must be organized especially in those circles of the population which need it most — among religious people . . . The success of propaganda for scientific materialism depends on the

The Second Church, Indianola, was chartered on February 6. The work there was organized in September, 1954. The new church its first Sunday gave \$54.88 to the Cooperative Program and voted to send ten per cent of its receipts each month to the Cooperative Program. Rev. James D. Watson, Jr. is the pastor. Nina L. Embry is the treasurer.

skill of the lecturer in linking his lectures with the practical tasks which must be undertaken by the Soviet people, and with the actual needs of the workers. The inadequacy of religion and its reactionary nature is most convincingly shown up by the events of our time — by the success of the new Communist society, by the improvement in the material conditions of life, and in the cultural level of the masses, and by the application of science and technology to production."

The article mentions some important ways of spreading propaganda for atheism: the press, the radio, and the systematic organization of artistic activities, Communist clubs, reading circles, the extension of groups for the promotion of scientific knowledge. In these groups "Question Evenings" must be arranged at which "the questions and answers are carefully prepared in advance by experts."

The Communist party, says the article, goes on the assumption that religious prejudices can only be eradicated by patient propaganda work, by constant study of the Socialist ideology, and by showing up the emptiness of religion in every sphere. But the most important way of liberating the worker from religious prejudices is to draw the believer himself into the active work of the culture and production of Communism. In the common struggle for Communism the workers recognise the power of collective creativity, and this strengthens their will, their character, and their determination to overcome all obstacles. Then they realise that their well-being depends, not upon the will of God, but upon themselves, through science and technology under the leadership of the Party."

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## Sparks & Splinters

According to the monthly report from the Executive Committee of the SBC, Dr. Porter Routh, Executive - Secretary, during January, 1955 Mississippi gave to the Cooperative Program \$47,479.55 and to designated causes \$51,272.24, making a total of \$98,751.79.

Covenant Church, Choctaw County, has installed butane gas; and for the first time in the history of the church has adopted a budget. Sixteen per cent of the offering is designated for the Cooperative Program. Plans are being made to take part in the Simultaneous Revival, the pastor doing the preaching. Rev. C. F. Anglin is the pastor.

Oklahoma's fifteenth governor, Raymond Gary, educator-businessman-farmer-statesman, and active layman and deacon of Kingston Baptist Church, Kingston, Oklahoma, was recently inaugurated. In his inaugural address he said, "As your chief executive, I consider this government a servant of God. And as your governor, with the help of God, we will run this government in such a way that the Christian principles we believe in will become more and more evident in its operation."

The Spring Revival of Athens Church, Simpson County, will begin on March 13. Rev. Quinton Floyd, pastor of Forest Hill

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Church, will do the preaching. Deacon Clem Tullis is in charge of arrangements for community prayer meetings to be held preceding the revival. Rev. R. A. Eddleman is the pastor.

Attention all pastors who have a regular radio broadcast. Would you please send immediately your name and address and the name of your station to the Department of Evangelism of The Mission Board, 600 Fidelity Union Life Building, Dallas, Texas? This is imperative!

Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of Stephen Wayne on January 23 in Ogbomoso. Their address is Baptist Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa. Dr. Logan is a native of Calhoun County, and Mrs. Logan, the former Dorothy Cook, is a native of Wiggins. They make their permanent American home in Gulfport.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the fifty-fourth annual session of the Lawrence County Association which was held with the Crooked Creek Church on October 19, 1954. The next session will be held with the Antioch Church in October, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Herbert L. Redd, Mathiston; Rev. William G. Winstead, Meridian; Dora Lou Waggener, Jackson; Martha Ann Hale, Clinton; Rev. Ellis O. Smith, Washington; Rev. Dan Thompson, Paul Bell, Earl Bell, Columbia.

In an advance story on a coming event, give the exact time and place of the program. Include any bits of information you can to arouse interest and increase attendance. It will help to learn a few points the speaker expects to make. Include some of these to tantalize the reader not attending, but don't give him the whole gist of the talk. Save this for the follow-up story. —Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

Regardless of a church's size, it should have an effective publicity program in operation at all times. Depending on the means used, publicity can reach a small group or an entire city with the Christian message. The church must inform all whom it seeks to serve. —Practical Church Publicity by Richmond O. Brown.

The American Tract Society has just completed its most successful year of tract distribution with a total of thirteen million tracts and booklets distributed. The Society has ministered to individuals, churches, and other organizations for more than 130 years.

Life magazine is beginning this month a "picture-text" series of six essays on "The World's Great Religions." The tentative schedule is as follows: February, Hinduism; March, Buddhism; April, Taoism; May, Islam; June, Judaism; and finally a special issue on Christianity at Christmastime.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Riverside Association which met in thirty-fourth annual session, with the Clarksdale Church, on October 14, 1954. The next session will be held in October, 1955 with First Church, Marks. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Alcoholism is many times more prevalent than cancer, tuberculosis, or polio. Yet, the American people raise millions of dollars each year to fight the latter three, while in 1953 they spent almost \$10-billion to spread the virus that causes alcoholism.

According to latest information, there are approximately 484,000 saloons and liquor stores in the United States — almost twice as many as the number of churches of all denominations.

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**CHRIST AND CATHOLICISM** (Vantage Press, Inc., New York) is written by a Christian layman, Frederick A. Johnson. "This volume is bound to disturb a lot of people, because Mr. Johnson doesn't believe in hiding the facts. He cites actual names, dates, and places, quotes eminent Roman Catholic prelates and the Roman Catholic version of the Bible itself to prove his startling thesis; that Catholicism has become so overburdened by the weight of its own ritual that it is drifting farther and farther away from true Christianity, and eventually must defeat itself. Mr. Johnson's findings are uniformly interesting and revealing. He points out the numerous inconsistencies in the Church's own doctrine; shows in great detail how the Church itself discriminates against various categories of its own adherents; explains the system of indulgences with its attendant results; demonstrates, citing chapter and verse, how the Roman Church misinterprets some of the recorded teachings of Jesus Christ Himself." Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher (\$3.50).

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**A CHURCH REVIVAL** is written by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the SBC and published by Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Matthews discusses the origin of the church and Christ's purpose for it. He then gives his ideas on planning, preparation, and performance in revival meetings. In the last three chapters he tells how to use the church organizations during the first and second weeks of the revival and how to conserve the results of evangelism. The book, particularly helpful to pastors, may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or the publishers.

## Brotherhood Department

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### ENCAMPMENT SCENE

Shown above is a group of men discussing the results of a ball game while attending Brotherhood Encampment last year. This year the Encampment will be held April 29-30. Make plans now to attend.

### BROTHERHOOD ENCAMPMENT, CAMP GARAYWA, APRIL 29-30

This encampment affords men a wonderful opportunity as it is planned for Brotherhood leaders. This year we have some outstanding speakers. Mr. James Sapp and Mr. David Mashburn, associates from the southwide office in Memphis, will be outstanding speakers on our program. No better leaders can be found; also, on program will be W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary and Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary. Plan now to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Space is going to be limited — why not make your reservation now!

### THE BOY AND HIS CHURCH

The future of missions depends on our churches. The future of any church depends on the boy. The Royal Ambassador Chapter is an organization of the church. It leads the boy, through the study of world conditions and needs, to see the true purpose of the church in Christ's plan for salvation of all nations. The pastor is the adviser of each chapter in his church. His interest will mean much to the boys of his chapter. His advice will help to mold the thinking of deacons, laymen, pastors, and missionaries of tomorrow.

### THE BOY AND HIS COMMUNITY

Service is the outward expression of Christianity. The Order of Royal Ambassadors is distinctly a service organization. For the boy this means Community Missions or "Knightly Deeds." He is to be continually on the lookout for an opportunity to help someone in the name of Christ. A Royal Ambassador is kind, courteous, helpful and a good citizen because he is a Christian, an Ambassador for Christ. Each month his chapter plans some definite project to be carried out in the community to help bring in Christ's kingdom.

## New Church Organized In Waynesboro

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6, the members of the Riverside Mission of the First Church, Waynesboro, voted to constitute themselves a separate and independent church and were granted letters of dismissal by the First Church.

In special services held at the new church, Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, Pastor of the First Church, presented to the trustees of the Riverside Church a deed to the property on which the new church is located.

The church building, erected at a cost of \$5,500.00 was paid for by the First Church and presented, debt free, to the congregation of the new church.

Membership in the church now stands at 54. The work was begun in August, 1954 and, from the beginning, has been a full time, self-supporting work, with the exception of the cost of the building and property. Rev. M. V. Waltman, student at Clark College, is pastor of the new church.

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The Baptist Record recently reached its highest circulation figure. Over 86,000 copies of the Record are being sent into Mississippi Baptist homes. Ask your pastor about the EF plan and get your church on the mailing. Informed Baptists are better church members.

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## Sophia Sutton Mission Land To Be Dedicated

The Sophia Tucker Mission Land will be dedicated at 12 noon on Wednesday February 23 according to an announcement by Dr. W. A. Keel, Secretary of Negro Work.

The plot of land containing 119

acres was deeded to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary last fall by Mrs. Sophia Tucker Begley, a native of Jeff Davis County.

At the time of the transaction Mrs. Begley was living at Hyden, Kentucky. A month after executing the deed she died.

Dr. Keel states that a training center for Negro workers is being planned with special emphasis on training of Negro children.

The land is located nine miles northwest of Prentiss.

Mr. William A. Ackerman will distribute three hundred Bibles to the children of that community (ages 6-15 years). A tent fifty by eighty feet will be the actual meeting place. Miss Sue Bell Begley, a daughter of Mrs.



Mrs. Sophia Tucker Begley

Shown above is the late Mrs. Sophia Tucker Begley, donor of 119 acres of land to Mississippi Baptist Negro work.

Sophia Sutton Begley who gave the 119 acre tract of land, will represent the family at the services.

Others on the program are

Mayor A. F. Stamps, of Prentiss; Dr. L. E. Green, pastor of Prentiss Baptist Church; Dr. Lewis Martin; Dr. Courts Redford, Executive-Secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive - Secretary Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Merrill Moore, Promotional Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention; Mr. W. C. Morgan, Music Department of Mississippi Baptist Board; Dr. Herbert L. Lang, President, Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Mr. J. E. Lane, Business Manager of the Baptist Record; Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Chairman, Seminary Trustees; Dr. R. W. Woullard, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church; Miss Edwina Robinson, Woman's Missionary Union; Prentiss Institute, Jefferson Davis County School; and Dr. William A. Keel, Negro Work Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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Dr. J. B. Lawrence, native of Rankin County, is the author of THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELISM (as well as the author of 22 other books). In six concise, well-written chapters Dr. Lawrence shows what the Spirit-filled life can and should mean for the individual believer and for human society. The book blends the doctrinal and the devotional. Dr. Lawrence graduated from Mississippi College in 1899, served as pastor in Greenwood, became Secretary of Missions in Mississippi, served as President of the Oklahoma Baptist University while pastor of First Church, Shawnee, served as Missouri Secretary of Missions, became Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board in 1929, retired on January 1, 1954 after twenty-four and one half years of service. Order one of his latest books from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan (\$1.50).

## Locust St. Holds Dedication Services

The Locust Street Church, McComb, will have dedication services Sunday, February 20. The church was established as a Mission of East McComb Church on June 7, 1950. The church was formally organized September 21, 1950.

On February 20th the Sunday School and regular morning worship will be held with dinner being served at 12:00 noon. At two o'clock, a special dedication service will be held with Rev. T. D. Sumrall, pastor of the East McComb Church as guest speaker. Rev. Marcus Smith is the pastor.

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## To Dedicate Seminary Headquarters Feb. 23

A dedication service for the Negro Seminary Headquarters will be held in Jackson Wednesday afternoon February 23 on Lynch Street near Highway 80 at 4:30 o'clock.

The program will be under the direction of Dr. W. A. Keel, Secretary of Negro work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Others who will assist in the dedicatory exercises are: Rev. Gordon L. Sansing, pastor, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Dr. Chester L. Quarles; Dr. Wm. A. Keel; Dr. Herbert L. Lang; Dr. Merrill Moore; Dr. Courts Redford, Home Mission Board Secretary; Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson; and Rev. H. C. Cherry, moderator of the Bolivar County Association of Negro Baptists.

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According to Billy Graham Paul Short Productions, of Dallas, Texas has produced, with the assistance of "March of Time," a new forty minute documentary film entitled, "The Mighty Fortress." The story, according to Mr. Short, covers the phenomenal progress of all faiths evidenced in the year 1954. A great deal of this film has been given over to the Billy Graham campaign in London, England, and the tour of the Continent of Europe. We are told it includes a strong presentation of the gospel.

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## The Place of Doctrine

By Dr. M. Ray McKay Professor of Preaching, Southeastern Seminary

Christianity is a factual religion. Its source is God. In this it is unique. The source of animism, for instance, lies in man's fear of the unknown and in his effort to devise sacrifices which will avert the wrath of an angry God. The source of Buddhism is man's longing for rest and peace. Seeking to fulfil this need, he has made a God before whom he bows. The source of Shintoism is man's desire for security and authority; therefore, he has decreed that the emperor is the highest authority and that all men must bow before him.

Christianity, however, begins with the self disclosure and creative activity of God. On the human side, it is man's response to an originating, adventurous, living, acting, working God who has taken and is still taking the initiative. Man's experience of the Christian religion grows in direct proportion to his loving and obedient response to the self disclosure and creative activity of God in Christ. All this is more clearly stated in the Scripture text: "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and will open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

The most effective evangelistic preaching then is the proclamation of the facts about God and the meaning of these facts in human life. This is the pattern of the New Testament. The Gospels give us the biography of Christ or the story of the acts of God. The letters of Paul concern themselves with an interpretation of the meaning of the acts of God in the lives of men.

Christology provides the first great doctrinal area for evangelistic preaching. We preach Christ: his nature, his works, and his worth. Included will be the doctrine of the incarnation: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"; a doctrine of the atonement: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"; the doctrine of the resurrection: "Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph over his foes." Included also in the doctrines of the grace of God are forgiveness, reconciliation and sanctification.

The second area of doctrine has to do with man's response. Included here are the doctrines of repentance, faith, and obedience. It is not our purpose here to present a complete survey of the doctrines but rather to indicate the doctrinal content of evangelistic preaching. Christ himself declared, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." In this truth the evangelistic preacher may well rest his case. If he will preach Christ and him crucified, he may certainly be assured of the readiness of the people to make response. His second responsibility will be to make clear to them the necessary nature of their response. The preacher must not leave out the "how." He will proclaim the truth, "Ye must be born again," and then he will make clear man's part in this necessary experience.

It is indeed a sad situation when any minister will depend upon the emotion awakened by the story of a helpless dog floating on the bosom of a swiftly moving river as a substitute for the proclamation of One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Evangelistic preaching is Bible preaching. In the Scriptures we have presented the factual material and its relevance in human life. Let us "Preach the Word."

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## HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

By Robert S. Scales

A child had been brought up to fear policemen. Not until he started to school and learned that the kindly policeman on the corner was there to see him safely across the street did he come to appreciate them. Gradually he came to know that the policeman's purpose was benevolent, until someone by disregard of the rights of others made it necessary for him to become punitive.

Many, in like manner, misconceive the nature of the law of God. It is to them as a giant policeman standing over them with a great club, demanding obedience or else suffer terrible consequences. The law is exacting. Its demands are strenuous, but its purpose is benevolent. "The law is holy and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12).

When our forefathers worked out the provisions of our Constitution, their constant thought was the welfare of the greatest number of people. God's laws for the moral government of men were born in His heart of love and were ordained for the welfare of all men. I know of no happier people than those who are law-abiding.

Certainly we are not saved by keeping the law. No fact is more emphatically taught throughout the New Testament. What the law cannot do for us Christ can do. We are saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not saved, however, to become lawbreakers. Jesus himself said, "Think not that I came to destroy the law . . . but to fulfill." "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," and yet no one was as obedient to the law as was he.

The law serves as a "schoolmaster" to guide us to Christ and the gospel. Like all other things, God uses the law to serve His eternal purpose.

Robert S. Scales is pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Rienzi Church Calls New Pastor



Rev. William G. Winstead, native of Neshoba County and graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama and Southern Seminary, Louisville, has accepted the pastorate at Rienzi.

Mr. Winstead comes from the pastorate at Hastings, Nebraska, where he has served for five and one-half years. During his pastorate in Hastings there were 197 baptisms and the church was completely redecorated. He served as a member of the Board of Managers in Iowa and Nebraska, as Chairman of the Evangelism Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, Trustee of Camps and Assemblies, and Chairman of the Permanent Council on Ordination while in Nebraska. He has had a good deal of experience in youth work.

He has been pastor at Wikes Church, Bessemer, Alabama, at First Church, Rushville, Indiana, and at First Church, Pella, Iowa. Mr. Hastings was Chaplain in the U. S. Army during World War II, serving for 51 months, with 27 months combat duty in the Pacific.

Rienzi has voted to begin full-time services.

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Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas is the author of **SERMONS ON SALVATION AND SERVICE**. These sermons are clear and inspiring, making use of vivid illustrations and forceful words. Dr. Ford is convinced that we are saved to serve.

His sermons introduce men to Jesus Christ and strengthen those who already know him. Outstanding among the 12 sermons included are "God's Remedy for a Sin-Sick World," "A Journey Through the Halls of Hell," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," "A Well, A Woman, A World," "Why Every Christian Should Tithe," "Climbing to Hell." The introduction is written by Rev. James LeRoy Steele, pastor, First Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama. Order from the Baptist Book Store or Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan (\$2).

## The True God

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

The archbishop of Canterbury before Queen Elizabeth II was crowned, said to his congregation, "The great solemnity of the coronation means that the queen comes to accept her temporal kingdom, power and glory from God. As she received it from God, so she would exercise it according to God's Word and will by His constant grace." Such a sublime conception! If this later part is real, it should give "solemnity." Such a conception would apply equally to my little life.

Yet we are living in a day when people try to blur the idea of God by speaking of Him as "Higher Power," "Supreme Mind," "Truth" and "Love." Or they challenge us to define God. To think of God as a "principle" or as "power" is like thinking of man as certain chemicals. To say "God is mind" is inadequate.

God is a person, the Supreme One. To say that He is a person means that He is a self, somewhat like ourselves, who thinks, feels and wills. Here words become inadequate. We can only partly comprehend God. He is entirely too great for the small receptacles of our minds. But a God who is a person is the only kind of God who, to use Walter Lippman's phrase, is "available for religious purposes."

G. K. Chesterton once said that the sun does not rise "merely as the result of the earth's motion." It rises because God says, "Get up!" That is the kind of God we have, and we make no apology for Him.

R. Lofton Hudson is pastor of the Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

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Possible news stories for an event are: original announcement of the event, starting of plans for it, booking of main speaker, completion of planning program, starting of the local preparations, advance story immediately before the event, stories during the event if it lasts more than a day, and a story following the event. Some things

## Decatur Church Licenses Minister

Olen Nall



was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Clarke Venable Church of Decatur. Rev. John W. Cook is the pastor.

Mr. Nall was a student at East Central Jr. College at the time he surrendered to preach. He is now attending Howard College in Birmingham.

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**GOD'S MIRACLE OF MARRIAGE** (The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Massachusetts, \$2) is a book of sound advice wholesomely presented by a clergyman, Rev. O. W. Stanbrough, who is recognized as an authority on marital and family relations. He is pastor of the First Regular Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Married himself for more than fifty years and the father of six children, Mr. Stanbrough has served as spiritual adviser and personal confidant to many married couples who were unhappy. At the same time he has studied cases of beautiful, tranquil, peaceful and joyous home life. He has made good use of the opportunity to apply the teaching of God's Word to a multitude of family problems. He claims, "I have not known a single case of failure to make amicable reconciliation where those involved showed a willingness to really trust their case to God and obey His clear and understandable word." **GOD'S MIRACLE OF MARRIAGE** is filled with advice and rules on God's Word for maintaining the purity and purposes of God's Miracle of Marriage, and stressing the husband's and the wife's responsibilities. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

rate only one or two of these stories, others, all of these and more. — **Practical Church Publicity** by Richmond O. Brown:

## Temperance Leaders To Seek Limited Liquor Advertising Ban

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Senator William Langer (R-N. D.) has re-introduced his bill to ban liquor advertising from interstate commerce but temperance leaders here indicated they will not support it, seeking instead to outlaw only "beercasting" over radio and television.

The Langer bill would prohibit liquor advertising in periodicals as well as over the air.

Officials of temperance groups said they do not believe the Langer bill has any chance of passage. But they feel there is enough popular support to force

through a drastic curb on the advertising of alcoholic beverages over the airwaves.

A bill to prohibit "beercasting" is expected to be introduced soon in both Houses of Congress.

Temperance leaders point out that the airwaves are public property, subject to Congressional regulations, and hence no constitutional question is involved.

Since radio and television invade the privacy of the home and cross state lines into "dry" areas, they say, citizens have no effective means of keeping out liquor advertising.